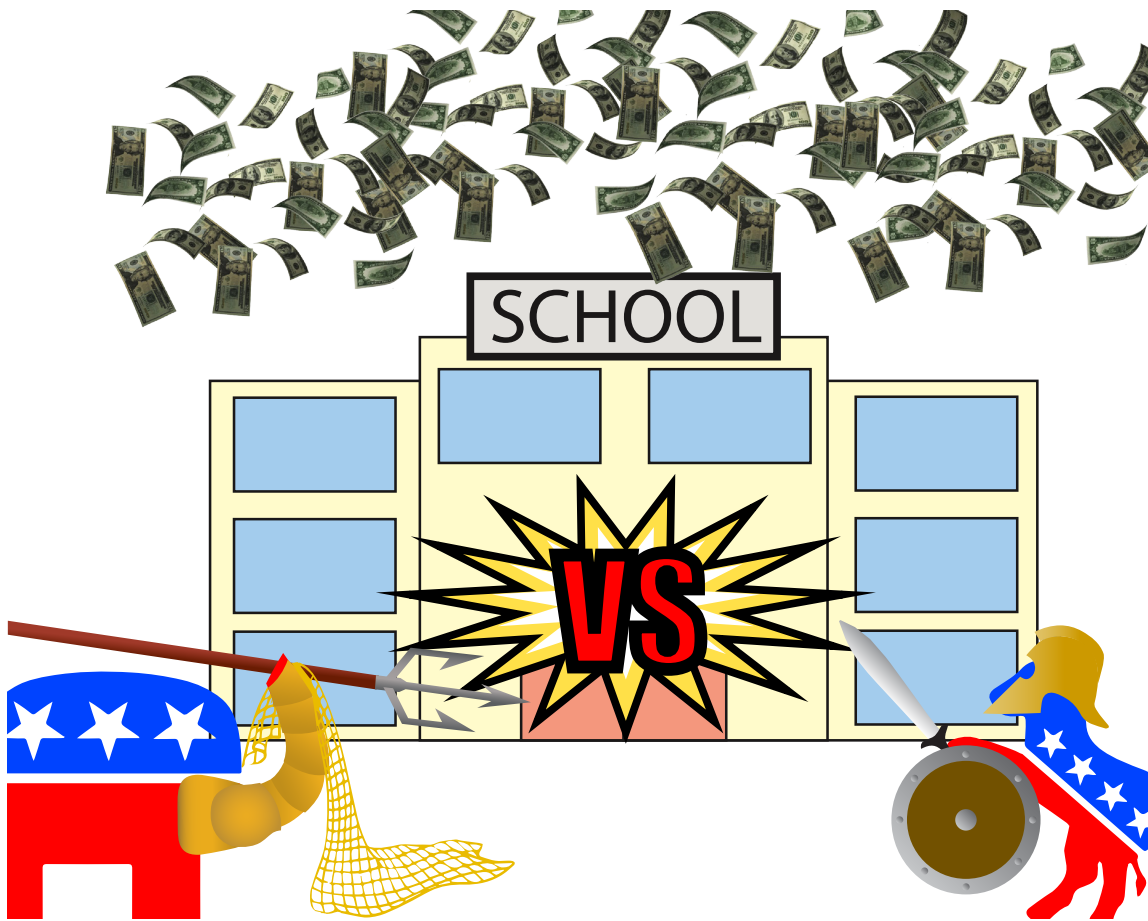


BUDGET BATTLE



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Republicans and Democrats are fighting over a new state spending plan that could mean higher tuition for students

**By Adam Horner
and Sam McCullough**
Staff Reporters

Highline students say they won't be happy if tuition goes up next year.
College tuition rates could

increase as state legislators struggle with a mandate from the state Supreme Court to provide more funding for K-12 education.
With the already high price of college education, some Highline students do not want

to see any kind of significant increase.
"I would probably have to cut back on classes from 15 credits,"

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Highline celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. with a week of events

By Nasri Isaac
Staff Reporter

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act occurs at noon today as King County hosts its official recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The hour-long event, at Seattle's Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine St., recognizes the individual and collective responsibility to continue Dr. King's work to ensure the civil rights of everyone.

The official national holiday is on Monday and there will be no school at Highline, but King County officials are asking citizens to volunteer to make a difference in their communities. The slogan is: Make the MLK holiday a day on, not a day off.

People can volunteer through United Way of King County's MLK Day of Service or directly with the county through King County Parks or the Regional Animal Services of King County.

Here on campus, an inter-denominational discussion of "A Greater Purpose" kicks off Martin Luther King Jr.



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Week beginning on Tuesday.

That day, Jan. 20, the Interfaith Amigos — Rabbi Ted Falcon, Imam Jamal Rahman and the Rev. Dave Brown — will present their lecture "Called Back to Greater Purpose" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 7 (overflow will be accommodated in the Highline Student Union - Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus rooms).

The presentation will focus on the greatest social justice teaching taught by faith based teachings and traditions.

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Pricey relief for broken boardwalk

By Tanner Post
Staff Reporter

Repair of the Redondo boardwalk could take up to two years and cost as much as \$1.7 million, the Des Moines harbormaster said this week.

"If everything goes according to plan, we should be able to get started in the fall of this year," Joe Dusenbury said.

An unusual windstorm on Nov. 29, coupled with a high tide, resulted in heavy damage to the board-

walk. It remains closed to the public, cordoned off with chain link fencing. The three-quarter-mile-long boardwalk had been a popular attraction in the south end.

As far as covering the costs for the rebuild of the boardwalk, Dusenbury said claims for both federal and state disaster relief are being prepared. The governor declared an emergency shortly after the storm, enabling the city to seek relief.

That relief would result in reconstructing the boardwalk in

the same way it had been built — with wood planking — but such a structure would remain vulnerable, Dusenbury said.

"Wood planks are the first option, but depending on the budget we may be able to build a concrete deck instead," he said.

While the storm caused considerable damage to the boardwalk, it left Highline Marine and Science Technology Cen-

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Matt Roland /THUNDERWORD

A storm devastated the popular Redondo boardwalk on Nov. 29.

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Tickets pile up as students avoid getting permits

By Christopher Crisostomo
Staff Reporter

If you're having trouble finding parking on campus, it could be due to the number of people parking illegally.

Public Safety issued 467 parking tickets in the first two days of this quarter.

At \$29 a pop, that's \$13,543 in fines students had already racked up in the first week of the quarter.

At the same time, Public Safety has already issued 1,400 parking permits so far this quarter.

In other incidents:

- Two students were spotted parking in Church's Chicken's customer parking lot, on Jan. 14. Public Safety suggests that all students park in Highline parking lots with parking permits.

Public Safety Director Jim Baylor suggests that students pay for a parking pass for \$46 and park on campus, rather than parking off campus and getting towed, which can cost \$400 if not more.

- One "Inside Reporting" textbook was found in Building 6, on Jan. 9. Any Journalism 101 students who are missing their required text can contact Public Safety.

- A custodian's phone was reported stolen in Building 22, on Jan. 8.

- A visitor's car was damaged in East Parking Lot, on Jan. 7. Damage consisted of scrapes and paint transfer to the driver's side of bumper.

- Two suspects tried to sell possible stolen books to book buyback in Building 8, on Jan. 7. The suspects fled the scene when Public Safety approached them.

- Graffiti was reported in the women's restroom in Building 3, on Jan. 7. When Public Safety went to inspect, there wasn't any graffiti found.

- Public Safety responded to a woman sleeping at one of the computer stations in Building 6, second floor, on Dec. 19.

After talking with her, she said she was registering and fell asleep because she was exhausted.

Public Safety Director Baylor asks that students assist Public Safety in keeping the campus secure.

"See It, Hear It, Report It" is the slogan the department uses to promote public participation.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity is asked to call 206-592-3218.



Review your transfer portfolio

Transfer Portfolio Review Day will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 1:15 to 4 p.m. in Building 8, first floor in Mt. Constance room.

The event is free; however, to join you must submit an application by Jan. 27. Once the application is complete, bring it to the Transfer Center or the TRiO program office in Building 6.

The event will help students interested in applying to four-year colleges with their portfolios. Students will be provided with feedback on their personal essays.

Explore the world of Phytoplankton

The MaST Center is hosting a talk titled "A Peek into the Wonderful World of Phytoplankton" on Jan. 17, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. The MaST is at 28203 Redondo Beach Dr. S. Des Moines.

The talk, which will be hosted by Jennifer Runyan, will discuss the organisms that are the base of the marine food web. Also, the talk will teach people about the survival traits of these organisms.

Your winning personal statement

A workshop on "How to Write a Winning Personal Statement" will be Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Building 26, room 319.

Learn how to write a personal statement for transfer application.

Get tips on how to write effectively. Learn what to include in the personal statement and how to organize it. The workshop will help you make your

A sunny smile before the storm



Cynthia Velez-Regalado/THUNDERWORD

Highline students Riruka Kikuchi, left, and Yukiko Kurashima enjoy some afternoon sun Wednesday outside of Building 8. The sunny weather is expected to end today as winter rains return to the Seattle area.

application stand out.

Open house for tutoring resources

Academic Success Centers are hosting an open house on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The open house is in Building 26, room 319.

The Academic Success Centers consist of the tutoring center, the writing center, and the math resource center. The open house will consist of tours and refreshments.

Appointments with UW Tacoma

Individual advising appointments with UW Tacoma will be Thursday, Feb. 12, Thursday, March 5, and Thursday, March 12.

You must make an appointment; the appointments are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meeting

with the adviser will be limited to 30 minutes.

To make an appointment go to the Transfer Center in Building 6, first floor in room 164 or email transfer@highline.edu.

If you are interested in applying to UW Tacoma, consider meeting with an adviser from UWT.

UW Seattle will discuss admissions

An information session hosted by the UW Seattle School of Public Health is on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from

1 to 2 p.m. in Building 6, room 164.

Find out about the career opportunities after graduation with a degree in public health.

Representatives of UW Seattle's School of Public Health will discuss how to apply to the major, and the adviser will explain what is the required, including grade point average, prerequisite courses, and will answer questions.

Majors in the School of Public Health that will be covered include environmental health, health informatics and health information management, nutrition and global health.

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Enrollment causes stress as quarter begins

Students voice concerns while enrolling for Winter Quarter

By Thunderword Staff

The enrollment process for this quarter was relatively smooth except for some minor setbacks, several students said.

The start of the quarter also means tuition is a subject on students' minds which can become stressful.

"I had to go into the Financial Aid office multiple times to make sure I was approved because my file got overlooked twice," said Rachel Trickler.

Despite the setback, Trickler was able to get her financial aid in order to start her first quarter here at Highline.

Students generally said they were able to sign up for the classes they needed.

"The perks of being at Highline for a while is being able to register early and get priority," said Andrew Travis who is in his final quarter.

Second-year students and students who have been here for a while have an easier time enrolling.

"When you have seniority, registering for classes is a lot easier," Nicole Summers said.

"Since I have been here awhile, I knew how the process worked," said Sionan Conroy. "It took me five minutes to register because my classes were open," he said.

"It was a smooth process once I found out my class schedule," Jordan Clemans said.

Jeremy Ebbers said famil-



Cinthia Velez-Regalado/THUNDERWORD

Lines for registering and purchasing permits received mixed reactions from students, with most of the reactions being negative.

ilarity with the system helps. "The initial enrollment process was a little difficult but once you are in, transitions between quarters become less of a hassle," he said.

This quarter there are only 6,500 students enrolled at Highline.

Getting entry codes for Winter Quarter enrollment was apparently a significant problem for some Highline students.

"Getting entry codes for classes is not a fun process," said Coleen Gilchrist, who admitted she waited until the last minute to register.

"It's time-consuming, frustrating and very inconvenient," Anton Belding said.

Many students have realized that registering sooner rather than later has helped them get into the classes they wanted. For students who don't like waiting around, registering early has definite benefits.

"Registration is easy if you do it on time," Liam Dennehy said.

"I didn't have any difficulties getting into classes. I realized that signing up too late to get into my classes last quarter affected me. So this quarter I made sure to register for the classes I wanted as soon as I could," said Isidora Joshua.

"If you plan ahead you don't have to go through long lines," Kyle Cotton said.

One student said the problem was not on her end.

"I sent an email to get an access code [and] didn't receive a response until two days after the fee deadline. I waited a month just to end up dropping the class," Cassandra Fokkema said.

On the other hand some first-year students did find registering more difficult.

"Registering for Winter Quarter was just as hard as reg-

istering for Fall Quarter," Corey Kim said.

"I most definitely had problems getting into the classes I wanted as far as the waitlists being so long. But I am not too upset about it because I am a first-year student and have time to take the classes I want," said Joshua Saetern.

"It was pretty easy getting into the classes I needed because my coach does my schedule," said Kayla Ivy.

Parking has been a big issue for students on campus with the start of the quarter.

Not only are the lots full by 10 a.m., but some students have not been able to buy their parking permit yet and have been cited.

"It is expensive to pay \$46 four times a year and to have to come to Highline 30 minutes in advance to find a place to park," said Sarah Harrington.

She said she appreciates the

leg workouts she gets from walking to her car, but still wants the permits to be cheaper.

"Give me a week first before you give me a [parking citation]" said Tuan Nguyen, a second quarter student, who received a citation for not having a valid parking permit.

Some students said the process of getting a permit is peskier than getting a parking spot.

"Parking is a huge pain though, hopefully it calms down. Lines were pretty bad too in Building 6," said Ivy.

For Tate Levang, the long lines at the permit counter were frustrating.

"Parking itself this quarter hasn't been a hassle, but getting a parking permit online or on campus has been annoying," he said.

"Lines are freaking ridiculous and I think they should give an extra day of grace before giving parking tickets," Alexander Robins said.

Buses are as big of an issue as parking, causing students to not be able to get to their classes on time, which can annoy professors.

Taking the bus has made days longer for students. They have to plan ahead of time for bus schedules or take the next bus due to maximum capacity.

Public Safety issued approximately 1,400 permits in the first three days of the quarter. Realizing the problem with the long waits, it opened an express line in Building 2 to speed the process.

Staff Reporters Christopher Crisostomo, Daysha Filipe, Renee Nelson and Liam Reece contributed to this story.

Class helps students pass their citizenship tests

By Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporter

Help for people seeking to pass their U.S. Citizenship Test is now being offered at Highline.

The class will cover U.S. government and history, said Karin Hirschfeld who is teaching the class. Hirschfeld is a part-time-professor of adult basic education.

The class will also help with reading, writing and speaking English.

The class can help people better understand what other people are saying as language is the main barrier for the U.S. Citizenship Test.

"If you don't understand, it becomes a barrier," said Hirschfeld. "Many people are

eligible, they just need the tools," she said.

Another barrier for potential citizens is the cost of the test.

According to The City University of New York "it costs \$680 dollars to file an application for citizenship: \$595 application fee and \$85 fingerprinting fee."

However, people who are low income might qualify for a fee waiver. To be eligible for a fee waiver, a person's household income must be at or below the poverty line.

Highline College and Asian Counseling Referral Services are working together to help students navigate the test.

The Citizenship Class was offered last quarter. The class will continue to be offered at Highline at least for the next two years because of a federal



Cinthia Velez-Regalado/THUNDERWORD

Professor Karin Hirschfeld is teaching a class to help people to pass their U.S. Citizenship Test and improve their English.

grant from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"We hope to hold it up after that," said Hirschfeld.

The class is free for every-

one, and one doesn't have to be a student at Highline College to enroll. Anyone may come as many times as they need, until they feel comfortable enough to take the test.

Asian Counseling Referral Services staff will also be available to help with filling out applications.

In order to fill out an application you must bring a copy of your permanent resident card. Residents must at least have been a resident for five years unless they are married to a U.S. Citizen -- then the residency requirement is three years.

The Citizenship Class will start on Jan. 20 and end March 18.

The class is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 2:35 p.m., in Building 19, room 102.

Don't raise tuition

Keeping college tuition affordable provides the opportunity for kids to be successful.

In 2012, the Washington state Supreme Court concluded in the *McCleary v. Washington* case that “the overall level of funding remains below the levels that have been declared constitutionally inadequate.”

The State Constitution states in Article IX Section 1, the preamble that “It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or reference on account of race, color, caste, or sex.”

According to *McCleary*, Washington state wasn't abiding by the constitution in regards to funding basic education.

The people in charge of making the decision on how the state is going to pay for the added expense is our state legislators that we elected.

The state legislators are going to have a difficult time this year building the state budget with having to provide as much as \$8 billion in addition towards K-12 education by 2018.

This puts a bunch of pressure on our legislators.

This year's legislative session began Monday, Jan. 12 at noon where the state legislators are going to figure out how to come up with the money for K-12.

Although a few legislators have said they don't want to raise college tuition, how are they going to do that and not raise taxes?

If college is too expensive, kids graduating high school won't go.

They have to pay for books, classes, transportation, food and school supplies.

All of that adds up, and quickly. Not to mention the stress of passing their classes so their money doesn't go to waste.

Minimum wage jobs aren't enough to live off of anymore.

Having just a high school diploma will get a minimum wage paying job.

If the legislators don't want to raise taxes and they don't want to raise tuition, how exactly do they plan to get more money for K-12?

It is either one or the other, and since some of the Republicans are talking about changing the Senate rules to needing two-thirds vote for any bill that has to do with raising taxes to come to the floor.

The odds of actually receiving two-thirds vote are slim to nothing.

If you want to set children up for a successful future, keeping higher education affordable is the way to do it.

If more kids go to college and get degrees, in theory they will get better paying jobs.

More young people have better paying jobs that can result in less crimes in local communities and the state would potentially spend less money on welfare and state services.

If the people of a community do better, the community as a whole does better.

Have something to say?

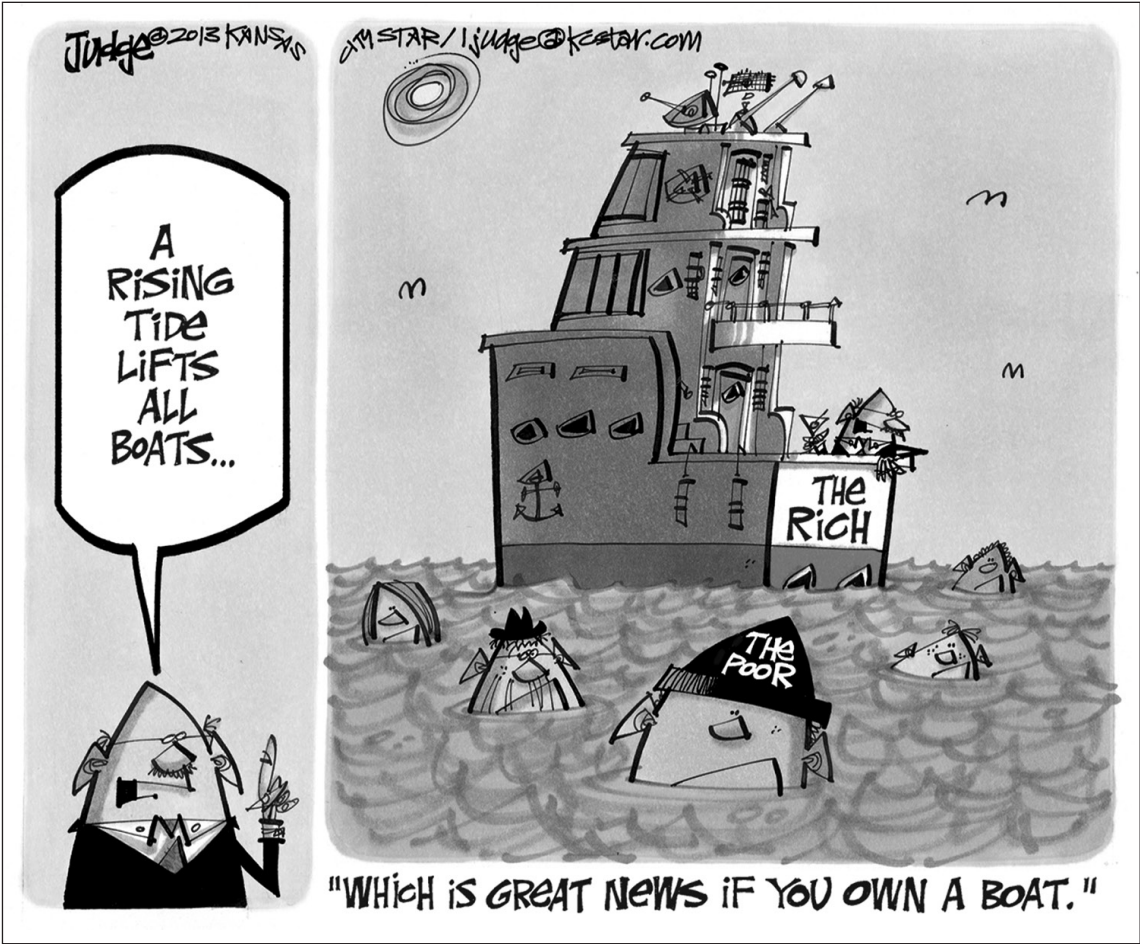
Have something you want to say to the student body?

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

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

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.

Write to us!



How I love New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve was one of the most memorable experiences I had during the year 2014.

Instead of getting wasted or high, I spent New Year's Eve at church with my family.

There is a misconception that clean fun isn't real fun: If you don't celebrate with alcohol or drugs, you can't have any fun.

There is also a misconception that people who go to church don't have fun either and think they're better than everyone else.

I know this to not be true.

Even though I spent New Year's Eve in church, we didn't spend all night praying and worshipping and listening to someone lecture to us about God and the New Year.

Instead we danced, played music, popped bottles of apple cider, ate really good food and enjoyed each other's company.

We laughed, we cried and we created more memories to remember for the next New Year's Eve.



Commentary
Kiki Turner

Just because we chose to hang out in a church building, doesn't make it less fun.

People who have faith are just like anyone else, except they have a sense in hope.

Whichever religion you choose to practice it brings a sense of hope; a sense that you are not alone.

Christians for instance be-

lieve that there is a God, and that he is watching over his people — a being who helps them out when they pray for help, and intercedes on their behalf against the devil.

But even if you choose not to believe that, Christianity has many principles that are good to follow whether you practice faith or not.

It is a choice to believe, but some things are just common sense.

I choose to believe because that is how I was raised and that is what I have come to know to be true.

I don't think I am better than anyone; I have just as much fun as those who get high all the time and drunk.

I prefer to be in control of myself at all times, and alcohol and drugs alter your state of mind.

My New Year's Eve was great and it is because I had fun at church without alcohol or drugs.

It has nothing to do with being better than someone else or praying all night.

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•Indulge your inner thespian at the Lakewood Playhouse’s production of *Glenn, Gary, Glenn Ross*. This play is centered around a group of real estate salesman attempting to make a living by pushing to sell plots of land to reluctant buyers. The play is shown on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until Feb. 1 and tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 with military ID, \$21 for seniors, and \$19 for students and educators with proper ID. Tonight, Jan. 15, the Lakewood Playhouse is offering a special “pay what you can night” at 8 p.m. The Lakewood Playhouse is located at 5729 Lakewood Towne Center Blvd. in Lakewood.

•Get your giggle on at the Auburn Avenue Theater’s “January Comedy at the Ave” this weekend. Once a month, Auburn Avenue Theater hand-selects three comedians and a headliner to perform for an audience at the venue. This month, the headliner is comedian Nathan Brannan. Brannan has proved his skill after winning the Seattle International Comedy Competition in 2014, and earning a spot in Willamette Week’s “Portland’s Funniest 5” for 2013. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16 at the Auburn Avenue Theater. The theater is located at 10 Auburn Avenue in Auburn. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors and are available at the door or online at brownpapertickets.com/event/754261.

•Celebrate your holiday the right way at the Urban Grace Church “9th Annual MLK: Redeeming the Prophetic Vision.” In honor of Dr. King’s birthday, the church will be holding a free community event with a social justice theme for anyone interested in Dr. King’s teachings. The event will include speeches, dramatic performances, spoken word, African drumming, and live music. A Social Justice Awards Luncheon will follow the service. The event runs from 10:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday, Jan. 18. Urban Grace Church is located at 902 Market St. in Tacoma.

•Kick back with good friends, good food, and a good movie this weekend during the Kung Fu Movie Night and Potluck in Seattle this Saturday. This monthly event is sponsored by Seattle Asian Medicine and Martial Arts and will be featuring the kung-fu movie *5 Deadly Venoms*. The event is free to attend and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their favorite dish. The potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the movie following at 6 p.m. Seattle Asian Medicine and Martial Arts is located at 12025 Lake City Way NE in Seattle.

Critics slam ‘Selma’

Desperate to disqualify the hard-hitting history film from winning upcoming awards, critics are creating outlandish reviews to sabotage it

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

The historically-rooted blockbuster *Selma* has been making waves in the film community since its limited U.S. release on Christmas Day. This drama/history film is based on the marches Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led that took place from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. in 1965.

Produced by big names such as Brad Pitt and Oprah Winfrey, this film was originally believed to be a shoo-in for a variety of awards. But after critics slammed the movie for “inaccurate and misleading information,” many awards organizations have snubbed the film.

One of the most common critiques involves one of the film’s lesser seen characters, President Lyndon B. Johnson. Many critics are claiming that the film does not accurately capture Johnson’s enthusiasm about the civil rights movements, and some even go as far as to name Johnson as the mastermind behind the march.

However, any history whiz could tell you that this criticism is a bit far-fetched. Although President Johnson helped make big steps in the right direction for the civil rights movement, he was not the main protagonist in this fight for equality.

“Lyndon Johnson was surprisingly ahead of his time,” said Dr. Tim McMannon, a history professor at Highline. “Think about it, it was the 1960s and he was a white politician from Texas. He was definitely an early supporter of civil rights.”

“However, the civil rights movement wasn’t his main focus. He actually wanted to work on fighting the war on



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In the film, Dr. King (played by David Oyelowo) leads a group of African-American protesters to march over Ala.

poverty and developing his great society,” he said.

As for the accusation that the marches were Johnson’s idea?

Dr. McMannon laughed at the thought.

“No comment,” he said.

Another critique was the idea that the film’s cast wasn’t diverse enough. Some critics are claiming that despite the presence of other ethnicities in this primarily African-American cast, it isn’t an accurate representation of how many people from other ethnicities were a part of these protests.

“There are too many black people in a film about civil rights?” Dr. Darryl Brice, an instructor of sociology at highline, asked. “Why have we never heard those type of comments about white people?”

“Take the show ‘Friends’ for example. It’s about a group of white friends in New York, who primarily hang out and see white people. It’s probably the least diverse show on the planet. But surprisingly, no one ever said a word about it. Why is that?” Dr. Brice said.

Dr. Brice also said that some people

may be taking the film and the critics too literally.

“Media is the plural of medium,” he said. “It carries messages and information that many people take to be the truth.”

Unfortunately, many forget that the purpose of a feature film is not to inform the audience, but to entertain them.

“*Selma* is not a documentary film, it is a feature film which by definition allows the writer to massage the facts with a bias towards creating a good story,” said Highline film studies professor Susan Rich.

However, this isn’t the first time critics have ripped apart a film rooted in history.

“Another recent Hollywood film looking back on a historical event was *Lincoln* directed by Stephen Spielberg,” Rich said.

“*Lincoln*, too, was taken to task for misrepresenting aspects of the Civil War. However, once the film was released and the audiences filled the theaters, the flavor of the film critiques were softer. In other words, Hollywood films are not known for accurate portrayals of history,” she said.

Burien fights hunger with ‘Empty Bowls’

By Jeff Rowden
Staff Reporter

The Burien Community Center will once again help fight hunger by serving soup in local works of art.

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser benefiting the Highline and White Center Food Banks, which raised \$107,000 over the past 10 years with all the proceeds going directly to the food banks.

Local artists from the Mosier Pottery Center donate handmade and hand-painted bowls that donors will get to take home after being served a soup dinner supplied by local businesses.

Last year, Empty Bowls received donations from 33 companies and organizations and expect the same this year. So far, this year’s event donors include Grand Central Bakery, Mark Restaurant, and Puget Sound Skills Center, among others.

Gina Kallman, cultural arts Supervi-



Burien Community Center Photo

Last year, nearly 1,200 people stood in line to fill their new ceramic bowls with food.

sor for Burien Community Center, has coordinated the Empty Bowls event for the past 10 years.

“At the first Empty Bowls Event, we saw about 300 people. Last year, we had 1,200 people show up and donate,” Kallman said.

Every year Empty Bowls is held, the event sees an increase of 100 to 200 people, with the biggest jump in donor numbers occurring within the first four years.

With this year marking the 10-year anniversary, Empty Bowls will celebrate with a wine tasting as well as an auction raffle, both new to the event.

Everyone is invited to this event with a \$15 minimum donation for adults, and a \$10 minimum donation for children. No RSVP is needed.

The Empty Bowls event is hosted at the Burien Community Center, 14700 6th Ave. S.W. in Burien on Jan. 30, with a lunch event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the wine tasting from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and a dinner service from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Highline says ‘Hello’ to new art exhibit

By Andie Munkh-Erdene
Staff Reporter

Wildlife photographs by Misty Cage is exhibiting at Highline library gallery during January and February.

Cage is a current student at Highline and local photographer.

The feature photo of a walrus at the exhibition, titled Hello was featured on National Geographic magazine’s daily dozen picture of the day in July 2014.

“I am currently a National Geographic member and have a photo page there,” Cage said.

She said that the photos are uploaded to National Geographic on that day and are chosen by the photo producer, then those photos are voted on by members and the best photo is featured on the magazine.

Cage’s photo was chosen and voted by members to be featured in National Geographic magazine. It was printed in July 2014 issue.

“This gentle giant popped up right in front of me. I love all the bubbles and his cute little face,” she said of her walrus photo.

Cage photographs outdoor nature and a detailed look at the

wildlife big and small living in nature without human interference.

The few wildlife photographs at the exhibit portrays dragonfly, butterfly and turtle.

Exhibit viewers will look straight into the eyes of a tiger and an owl, as well as closely look at a spider, a bee, a chipmunk and other habitats.

She was born and raised in Marysville, CA and her passion for photography started early.

“I started taking photos back in my pre-teens,” she said.

Now she is a career photographer who just enjoys taking photos.

“My career as a photographer has always been about the enjoyment,” Cage said. “It’s second nature to me to have a camera in my hand.”

She said that she has lived in many states including Mississippi, New Mexico and Nevada before settling in Washington.

Cage also said that she plans to travel more in the future as she has already visited Arizona, Oregon, Texas, Louisiana and Hawaii.

Even in her free time, Cage likes to travel and take photos.

“My days off, I typically visit



Photo by Misty Cage

Cage’s walrus photo, entitled Hello, was featured on National Geographic Magazine.

a beach, a park and a new place with my camera,” she said.

Cage keeps her camera close and ready to take photos while traveling or when she is with her family.

She is currently pursuing her associates of business degree and expects to graduate in

spring 2017.

“By the time I finish at Highline, I plan to have my photography business up and running,” Cage said. “It is named Simply Misty Photography.”

She plans more for her business after getting her AA degree.

“I may decide to pursue my

bachelor’s degree and open my own craft retreat center,” she said.

Cage’s photo exhibit is at Highline Library gallery in Building 25, fourth floor.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and runs through Jan. to the end of Feb.

Library makes reading list to honor MLK week with nonviolent literature

By Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporter

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, nonviolence and racial injustice are the themes for the month’s reading list from the Library.

Highline’s librarians post a list of suggested readings each month.

“I picked these books by the following subjects or topics: non-violence, racial justice, Martin Luther King,” said Qin Cao, a part-time librarian who created the reading list for this month.

“I [selected] the books because they show some special meaning for Martin Luther King Day,” Cao said. “Martin Luther King made lots of achievements. One of them was to get racial justice through nonviolence. It is still important to us today.”

“These books are very meaningful to me as Martin Luther King said: ‘Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals,’” Cao said.

King also said “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the



Cinthia Velez-Regalado/THUNDERWORD

Highline students Alla Vlasenko and Angela Lysyuk examine books from this month’s reading list.

starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Cao was also impressed by King’s famous quote from his

1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It became known as his “I Have a Dream” speech: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judge by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

In order to check out a book, one must be a student or have a borrower card.

A check out lasts, on average, two weeks.

The library is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m.- 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 - 9 p.m.

Arcturus submissions due Feb. 6

By Pa’ana James
Staff Reporter

Submissions for Highline’s annual literary magazine, Arcturus, are due Feb. 6.

Arcturus is a collaboration of Highline students’ writing, art and photography coordinated through the English and Visual Communications departments.

The editors of Arcturus are looking for original pieces from Highline students following the theme “Monsters.”

“The goal of the Arcturus magazine is to showcase the talent pool at Highline,” said Mericio “Moe” Madril-Cabral who is a spokesman for the Arcturus staff.

The magazine has been at Highline for more than 23 years.

The purpose of Arcturus is “to celebrate artwork,” said Amy Brown, one of the editors.

The editors said they want to find originality and a deeper meaning in students’ artwork.

Submissions can include any original form such as writing, fine arts and photography.

Hard copies are due by 3 p.m. in Building 5. Emailed copies are due by midnight to shashimoto@highline.edu. Submitters should be sure to include their contact information.

T-Birds fly into first to start season

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team has begun 2015 in first place in the NWAC West Division.

The T-Birds, 3-1 (11-5 overall) moved into first by beating Pierce, 63-55, at home.

One of Highline's best advantages is its production off the bench. The Thunderbirds scored 24 points off the bench as opposed to Pierce's 4 points.

The next game for the T-Birds was an away game on Jan. 7 against Lower Columbia, 3-1, who is second in the division.

Away games always provide a little disadvantage for visiting teams, but the T-Birds did not get that memo as they cruised to a 87-64 win over the Red Devils.

Highline's bench went on to net 29 points compared to Lower Columbia's 3, again showing one of Highline's biggest strength, its depth.

"Our guys were very focused traveling to Lower Columbia. So much of winning on the road in league is mental and being dialed in on accomplishing a mission," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

"The kids did a great job of that."

"We have played pretty well as a team and dealt with adversity the right way," said Dawson.

The T-Birds had another home game against Tacoma,



Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD
Doug McDaniel swoops through Tacoma players to score one for the team on Jan 10. He is one of the top scorers, averaging 22 points.

2-2, on Jan. 10, losing 87-73.

The Titans were on fire from the 3-point line, going 14 out of 16 for the entire game, with three players scoring 19 or more points.

Jake Nelson led the way for the Titans with 26 points, followed closely behind teammate Tra'Von McCray with 20 points and Andre Lewis with 16 points.

This was Highline's first loss in division play and ended their three-game win streak.

The Thunderbirds had a chance to bounce back after the loss when they faced Grays Harbor, 1-2, at home Jan. 12.

The game started back and forth with a lot of turnovers

from both teams, but after a couple of momentum changing steals from guard Harold Lee and a few fastbreak points, Highline went on to win the game 82-65.

"We just talked about continuing to play hard and play defense during halftime," said Lee.

"After finishing third in the division last season we try and come out every game, every night with a chip on our shoulder," he said.

Five players scored more than 10 points for Highline with Doug McDaniel being the top scorer of the game with 19 points.

"That's really been the basis of what we've been trying to do

all season," said McDaniel

"Everyone is contributing as much as they can and giving it they're all."

Prior to the T-Bird's division games, the team played in more than over a dozen games during the winter break including two tournaments.

The T-Birds first game over the winter break was against Bellevue.

After a close score for the first half of the game, the Bulldogs pulled away in the second half to beat the T-Birds, 79-70, giving Highline their first loss of the season.

The next game for Highline was a home game on Dec. 10 against the Skagit Valley Cardinals.

This was a decisive win for the T-Birds, as they beat the Cardinals, 84-68.

Five players scored in double figures for the T-Birds, showing how much offensive firepower they have on the team.

Sophomore guard Doug McDaniel led the way for the Thunderbirds in this game with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Madison McCaffrey and sophomore forward Isom Brown both scored 11 points, while sophomore guard Harold Lee racked up 15 points and sophomore forward Ben Tucakovic netted 13 points.

The T-Birds only had two days off before they played three games in three days and compete in the Bellevue Tournament.

Highline faced Chemeketa,

beating them 92-87, and then moved on to face Walla Walla, defeating them 77-50, finally finishing off the tournament against Bellevue, losing 68-61.

Highline guard McDaniel averaged 22 points and 7 rebounds in the tourney, while forward Tucakovic averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds

The next opponents for the T-Birds were Treasure Valley and Olympic in the Clackamas Crossover Tournament.

Highline lost 99-84 to Treasure Valley and lost 102-97 in overtime to Olympic.

"We were awful defensively in the Clackamas Tournament. I attribute that to my poor decisions strategically more than anything," said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson.

"In the Bellevue tournament we played pretty well and ran into an outstanding defensive team in Bellevue. They are really making it tough for opponents to score this season."

The men's basketball team has an away game Jan. 14 against Centralia, 2-12, at 8 p.m. and then a chance to rest and refocus with a bye week from Jan. 15 to Jan. 20.

"We will focus on playing for each other and consistently giving ourselves individually to the group," said Coach Dawson.

Highline played Wednesday at Centralia with results unavailable at press time.

The next game after the bye week for the T-Birds is at South Puget Sound Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

Highline wrestlers complete long march over break

By Xavier L. Henderson
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team had some successes and setbacks in a month's worth of matches over winter break.

Despite some losses, Highline enters the new year ranked 19th in the country, with the team aiming at a return to the national championships in late Feb.

The Thunderbirds' march to the mats included three dual meets against two ranked teams, and a 50-team tournament, closing with a three-way dual meet last weekend.

Over the break, Highline beat South Puget Sound, 57-6, on Dec 4. They followed that with a 30-12 loss to Clackamas on Dec. 5, before dropping a close one to Southwestern Oregon, 27-25 on Dec. 14.

Highline finished 21st in the Reno Tournament of Champi-

ons on Dec. 21.

This past weekend, Highline beat Simon Fraser 27-18, beat Warner Pacific 22-21, and lost to New Mexico Highlands, 33-12.

This is South Puget's first year with a wrestling program, and they got schooled by Highline. The Thunderbirds recorded eight pins in 10 matches to record their first dual-meet win of the year.

"It's been a rough season but I have grown as a wrestler, and we have grown as a team," said Tyler Noon who defeated South Puget's Brandon Rochester 6-5 at 165 pounds. "My goals are to be an All American wrestler then transfer to a D1 college."

"I wrestle to push myself," Noon said.

On Dec 5. Highline faced No. 1-ranked Clackamas.

Highline got victories from Antonio Melendez at 174, who beat Clackamas' Garret Short, 8-1; Connor Rosanne, who



Chris Vann/THUNDERWORD
Wrestlers practice for upcoming match on Sunday Jan 18. against Pacific in Forest Grove, Ore.

earned a first-round pin over Kenneth Walther at 184; and from heavyweight Ben Tynan, who beat No. 6-ranked John Morin 6-2.

Highline lost by two to Southwest Oregon despite being handed three forfeits. Erick Garcia at 141 and Tyler Noon

were the only T-Birds to pick up victories in the match.

The Reno Tournament for Champions featured several D1 and D2 schools from all over the country. Wyoming won the overall tournament title.

In the double-elimination format, Highline got wins from

Noon, Rosane and Tynan.

"I don't like making excuses but I just didn't perform at 100 percent," said Tynan.

Rosane suffered a concussion when he butted heads with another wrestler and had to withdraw from the tournament.

Highline participated in the Gut Check Duals in Olympia on Jan. 9-10.

Against Simon Fraser, Highline got wins from Brad Redaway at 133; from Noon at 165; from Rosane at 184; Sean McAlhane at 197; and from heavyweight Tynan by pin.

Individual scores for the win over Warner Pacific were unavailable at press time. Highline met stiffer competition against four-year program New Mexico Highlands, with only Noon, Antonio Melendez at 174, and Tynan picking up victories.

Highline travels to Forest Grove, Ore., to take on Pacific on Sunday Jan. 18 in its next match.

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Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Team	League W-L	Season W-L
West Division		
Highline	3-1	11-5
Lower Columbia	3-1	11-6
Clark	2-1	9-5
Pierce	2-2	6-10
Tacoma	2-2	5-10
Green River	1-2	10-6
Grays Harbor	1-2	6-9
Centralia	1-2	2-12
S. Puget Sound	1-3	6-9
South Division		
Umpqua	1-0	10-5
Chemeketa	1-0	10-6
Clackamas	1-0	9-7
SW Oregon	1-0	4-10
Lane	0-1	8-7
Portland	0-1	6-8
Linn-Benton	0-1	4-7
Mt. Hood	0-1	3-9
North Division		
Bellevue	1-0	14-2
Edmonds	1-0	13-3
Skagit Valley	1-0	9-4
Everett	1-0	10-6
Peninsula	0-1	7-6
Olympic	0-1	5-8
Shoreline	0-1	5-9
Whatcom	0-1	2-10
East Division		
Big Bend	1-0	13-4
Wenatchee Valley	1-0	12-4
Walla Walla	1-0	9-7
Columbia Basin	1-0	8-7
Spokane	0-1	10-6
Blue Mountain	0-1	4-9
Treasure Valley	0-1	4-9
Yakima Valley	0-1	2-13

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Team	League W-L	Season W-L
West Division		
Lower Columbia	4-0	11-7
Centralia	3-0	14-2
Highline	3-1	9-8
S. Puget Sound	3-1	5-6
Clark	2-1	7-4
Tacoma	1-3	3-9
Green River	0-3	5-10
Grays Harbor	0-3	0-13
Pierce	0-4	1-15
South Division		
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Lane	1-0	14-3
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Portland	0-1	6-8
Mt. Hood	0-1	3-12
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Treasure Valley	0-1	8-7
Big Bend	0-1	7-8

Highline women's basketball team in the hunt for first place

By Mikel Abraha
Staff Reporter

At one game behind the division leader Lower Columbia, the Highline women's basketball team is in the thick of the race.

After a rocky start to the season, the Thunderbirds are now soaring. They are now 3-1 in the league and tied for third place in the West Division.

The Thunderbirds started the season just 1-5 before winter break, but have turned it around by winning seven of their last 10 games.

Four of those 10 games include a win, a loss and back-to-back wins against league opponents. Highline lost to Lower Columbia, 69-57, beat Pierce, 64-42, Tacoma 85-53, and Grays Harbor, 94-45.

Through the four league games Allie Wheathersby led the team, averaging 14 points and 3 rebounds per game, followed by Chardonnae Miller, Iona Price and Kayla Ivy.

Miller is averaging 8 points, 9 rebounds, Price is averaging 8 points, 5 rebounds and Ivy is averaging 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Amber Rowe Mosley, head coach of the Thunderbirds, has high expectations for this squad and is not surprised by the recent success of her team.

"This team has an incredible amount of talent. It took us awhile to get the talent to work within the structure of the team," said Mosley.

"Our latest success is due to buying into the team ego."

One of the team's main focuses this season was to create better relationships with one another.

They had found a method called KYP (Know Your Personal), a way to bond and know your teammates off the court as well as you do on the court.

Sophomore guard Kayla Ivy said she believes that it has made a big difference in the team's performance.

"We truly invested in KYP. We clicked better off the floor, built better relationships off the floor so that they would translate on the floor," she said.

"Now we give shooters more opportunities to shoot and penetrators more op-



Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD

Highline Chardonnae Miller goes up for a shot against Tacoma last Saturday. Highline won, 85-53.

portunities to attack the basket," Ivy said.

Coach Mosley is known for favoring man-to-man defense and rarely playing zone defense.

However, over the course of the break, the zone played a significant role in the Thunderbird's latest success.

In the league opener against Peirce, the 2-3 zone seemed to have a huge impact on the opposing teams shooting performance.

The Pierce Raiders struggled, being held to only 21 percent shooting for the game.

"I hate zones, I really do. but for some reason this team has really taken to it and actually doesn't get lazy in the zone," Mosley said.

"We get more steals out of the zone. It has been a nice way for us to mix it up. As much as it pains me to say, the zone is not going

away," said Mosley.

Having to play seven games in 15 days over break was a big reason to why the team played more zone defense than usual.

The Thunderbirds played three games in the Green River Crossover Tournament, and three games in the Chemeketa tournament.

They won two of the three games in the back to back tournaments.

Playing that many games in a short time span can be difficult, but the Thunderbirds used it as an advantage to help them going forward.

"Since the dismal start, we have continued to get better with each game. Our setbacks are not repeating and we continue to move forward," Mosley said.

"We are able to focus on the small details that will make us a championship

caliber team," she said.

"Preseason really helped us with the constant game preparation. Practices now are all about are all about details," said Ivy.

Although the team is approaching the mid-point of their season, Coach Mosley said that this is the best time for them to be riding momentum.

"This is the most important time. We want to be playing our best basketball in early march."

"I think we are on track to achieve that and will make a big run for a championship in post season play," said Mosley.

The Thunderbirds have three away games in a row.

Highline played Centralia on Wednesday, Jan14 with results unavailable at press time.

Up next, Highline plays at South Puget Sound on Jan. 21 and at Green River on Jan. 24.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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1. LITERATURE: How many daughters does King Lear have in Shakespeare's play?

2. MUSIC: When did MTV make its debut?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest mountain in Western Europe?

4. ANATOMY: What is the biggest bone in the foot?

5. HISTORY: Who founded the abolitionist newspaper "The North Star"?

6. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non compos mentis" mean?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the site of Coca-Cola's first bottling company?

8. COMICS: What is the name of Dennis' younger buddy in

the *Dennis the Menace* comic panel?

9. SCIENCE: How fast can a bolt of lightning travel?

10. TELEVISION: In what fictional city does the soap opera *All My Children* take place?

Answers

1. Three

2. Aug. 1, 1981

3. Mont Blanc

4. The heel bone, or calcaneus

5. Frederick Douglass

6. Not of sound mind

7. Chattanooga, Tenn., 1899

8. Joey

9. 3,700 miles per second

10. Pine Valley, Pennsylvania

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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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31 "— Little Teapot"
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11 Lofty
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20 Intend
22 Piece of garlic
23 Shaving cream additive
24 Actress Lucy
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49 "Eureka!"
50 Collection

Puzzle answers on Page 8

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to re-



check your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving

that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

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Many students applaud free tuition plan

By Thunderword Staff

President Obama’s plan to make community colleges completely tuition-free is receiving mixed reactions from students and staff.

On Jan. 9, President Obama unveiled the America’s College Promise proposal to make community college tution free. This plan would be avaiable to students who attend at least part-time, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and work toward completely their college degree.

Some students say they are thrilled, while others are voicing concerns.

“Sign me up,” said Anton Belding. “Tuition breaks the bank and you still have books and food.” Many students agreed.

“Obama’s proposition for free community college would be great because I already struggle to pay for basic needs as a college student and having to pay for school makes it harder on me,” Denny Rosales said.

Some students were less excited about the proposal.



AP Photo

President Obama wants two-year college tuition to be free to students nationwide.

“I don’t know how it would work logistically, but I like the idea. The capacity of schools to take on more people could be a problem,” said Marta Frost.

College officials say that the proposal won’t cause major

changes.

“It’s important to note that the President’s proposal makes some programs free, not all. Who has to pay and who doesn’t may direct changes that would need to be made,” said

Dr. Lisa Skari, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

“Not all states have the same tuition rates, or funding streams, so this is going to be one of the areas that is likely to get messy,” she said.

Dr. James Peyton, who teaches economics, gave the President’s idea mixed grades.

“Something we call opportunity cost of college is something to keep in mind,” Dr. Peyton said.

“One of the main aspects of that is forgone wages. You could be earning \$40,000 a year, but instead you’re going to school,” said Dr. Peyton. “Even if community college is free, that will still affect you.”

In a report Dr. Peyton did a few years ago, he compared tuition costs to enrollment rates. His report found that, at Highline, when tuition went up by \$1, three fewer students enrolled. Also, at the University of Washington, when tuition went up \$1, more students opted to go to community colleges, like Highline.

“In the end, the savings in terms of money would be less than we would want,” said Dr. Peyton.

Staff reporters Sam McCullough, Liam Reece, and En-rique Montoya S. contributed to this story.

President wants free tuition for CC students

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama wants publicly funded community college available to all Americans, a sweeping, multibillion-dollar proposal that would make higher education as accessible as a high school diploma to boost weak U.S. wages and skills for the modern workforce.

The program is expected to cost the federal government \$60 billion over 10 years, said White House spokesman Eric Schultz, and it faces a Republican Congress averse to big new spending programs. Obama was promoting the idea on Friday at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tenn., a follow-up to a video message posted to Facebook Thursday evening.

“Put simply, what I’d like to do is to see the first two years of community college free for everybody who is willing to work for it,” Obama said in the video. He spoke seated on the front of his desk from his office aboard Air Force One, in the midst of a three-day tour to preview the agenda he’ll be outlining in his Jan. 20 in the State of the Union address.

“It’s something that we can accomplish, and it’s something that will train our work force so that we can compete with anybody in the world,” Obama said.

The White House estimated that 9 million students could eventually participate and save an average of \$3,800 in tuition per year if they attend full-time. Students would qualify if they attend at least half-time, maintain

a 2.5 GPA and make progress toward completing a degree or certificate program. Participating schools would have to meet certain academic requirements.

The White House said the federal government would pick up 75 percent of the cost and the final quarter would come from states that opt into the program. Schultz said Obama will announce new programs to fully fund the federal portion of the program in his budget next month.

In his 2013 State of the Union address, Obama proposed universal preschool, which Congress did not take up because of cost. Obama policy adviser Cecilia Munoz pointed out that even without federal action, many states are taking up the idea and expanding preschool.

And she pointed out that a Republican Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam last year signed into law a pioneering scholarship program called Tennessee Promise that provides free community and

technical college tuition for two years. It has drawn 58,000 applicants, almost 90 percent of the state’s high school seniors. Munoz said Obama’s proposal, America’s College Promise, was inspired by the Tennessee plan and a similar program in Chicago.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., a former education secretary who is set to take over the Senate committee that oversees education, said states and not the federal government should follow Tennessee’s

lead. He said Washington’s role should be to reduce paperwork for the student aid application and fund Pell grants for low-income students.

“The reason Tennessee can afford Tennessee Promise is that 56 percent of our state’s community college students already have a federal Pell grant, which averages \$3,300, to help pay for the average \$3,800-per-year tuition. The state pays the difference \$500 on average,” Alexander said.

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Tsunami could hit Puget Sound at any time

By Nicole Martinson
Staff Reporter

Powerful tsunamis periodically rock the coasts of Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines, but one is not generally expected here in Puget Sound, a Highline geology professor said at the first Science on the Sound seminar for Winter Quarter.

At the Marine Science and Technology Center at Redondo last Saturday, Dr. Eric Baer explained how tsunamis work and the possibility of one affecting our area to an overflow crowd of about 50 King County residents.

Baer had written a quote by noted American writer, historian and philosopher Will Durant on the board: “Civilization exists by geological consent—subject to change without notice.”

“People don’t realize how powerful [tsunamis] are,” Baer said.

After presenting a simulation of the water movement of a tsunami in Puget Sound, he then showed photos of destruction. A tsunami in 1894 caused death and damaged the railroad on Commencement Bay at Tacoma.

Baer said it looks like this



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Dr. Eric Baer talks about tsunamis to King County residents at the college’s Marine Science and Technology Center at Redondo last Saturday.

could happen again at any time, but there is no way to know when.

He said 500 mph, 100-foot-long waves could crash into Seattle after an earthquake, landslide, or underwater landslide. When there are steep walls of loose dirt underwater, currents can pull the earth matter away, creating a wave.

After a wave begins, it gains height as it moves towards shallower water. The areas on Puget Sound where underwater landslides are most likely to occur include the Puyallup River, Nisqually River and Seattle’s heavily populated Elliot Bay.

Baer said that it’s a good thing to live on hilly land. The quick moving wave comes with

little warning, and the first thing one should do is get to high ground. If such a wave was to crash on the shores of Seattle, the flat areas could be submerged in water, but the higher lands could possibly remain safe. This means Magnolia Bay, Harbor Island and the SODO area could, be under water, but

Pike Place would probably remain dry.

Although it is not something people around the Pacific Northwest tend to worry about, tsunamis are possible, Baer said. The protection afforded by the Olympic Mountains prevents large coastal tsunamis from affecting this area, but the faults under the Sound present a path for destruction from the inside.

Next week’s Science on the Sound Seminar will not only focus on Harmful Algal Blooms, but also on what makes up the marine food web.

You will also learn about the survival traits as well as the ecology of the algae that almost can’t be seen with the naked eye.

This will be taught by aquaculture outreach specialist, Jennifer Runyan.

It commences on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. at the MaST Center.

The MaST Center is located 28203 Redondo Beach Dr. S.

Hosting the third largest aquarium on Puget Sound, the MaST Center is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. if you want to visit outside of a Science on the Sound session.

Check out some spicy science

By Ferdaws Abbasi
Staff Reporter

Winter Quarter’s Science Seminars get off to a spicy start tomorrow with a discussion of hot foods and the chemistry behind the heat in peppers.

Chemistry Professor Aaron Moehlig will also focus on the molecules responsible for the varying rates of heat associated with particular peppers.

Moehlig will also be discussing the Scoville Heat Unit, which is the standard scale to measure the spiciness of a pepper without having to actually taste it.

Science Seminars are weekly presentations presented by faculty at Highline in their field of study.

In some cases faculty in non-science and technology fields illustrate how it impacts their field, said math professor Dusty Wilson.

The sessions take place in Building 3, room 102 at 1:30 p.m. on Fridays beginning tomorrow and running each week through March 13.

Each seminar is one hour long and is open to the public. Admission is free and there are

question-and-answer periods, time permitting.

Future topics will address issues involving mathematics, technology, medicine and health.

Nothing is required except an “open mind,” said Wilson, who coordinates the series.

Students planning to attend the entire series can register for one elective credit by signing up for General Science 190.



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said Kalista Heier.

At Highline, 15 credits costs \$1,333 per quarter.

Heier, who wants to transfer to the University of Washington, said, “It’s hard enough to pay for school already.”

Josh Groesbeck said that a cut in state funding could mean less by way of financial aid. Groesbeck’s tuition and books are paid for entirely by financial aid.

“If tuition rates went up and I was unable to get as good financial aid as I do now, I don’t know if I could attend school anymore,” he said.

Not everyone gets financial aid. Katy Bruce said that her parents pay for all of her school expenses out-of-pocket and that it would be harder to get by if school became more expensive.

“Colleges need more [funding],” said Devany Covey.

Over four years, Washington Legislators have cut more than \$1.4 billion from higher education.

“You’re gonna be spending a lot of money regardless [for tuition],” said Christopher dal Porto.

Trevar Jones agreed, at least in part.

“People know what to expect when entering college,” said Jones.

A recent court decision and a voter-approved initiative are

combining to squeeze the state budget, which pays for much of higher education in the state.

In January 2012, the Washington Supreme Court held the Legislature in contempt for not adhering to its constitutional mandate to “make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders.”

The position of the court is that the Legislature must amply fund K-12 education, not merely adequately.

Legislators have until the 2017-2018 school year to fulfill the court’s order.

The McCleary decision is not the only challenge concerning the funding of the educational system in the Washington.

Initiative 1351 passed in November, requiring the Legislature to pay for reduced class sizes in K-12 schools by the end of 2019.

The Legislature began a 105-day session on Monday, Jan. 12.

The 2015 legislative session will revolve around the writing of the 2015-2017 budget, a budget that will have to be written to amply fund K-12 education.

During the 2013-2015-budget period, K-12 education received an additional \$1.6 billion from the state. In the coming 2015-2017 period that number can only be expected to rise, and that funding will need to come from somewhere, legislators say.

State Rep. Zack Hudgins, D-Tukwila, said that it would take at least \$8 billion to meet the K-12 requirements. In the state’s budget, \$8 billion would be 25 percent of the entire budget.

Rep. Hudgins said that the state would need \$2 billion to maintain current levels of funding for K-12 education, \$4 billion to satisfy the McCleary decision, and \$2 billion to fund Initiative 1351.

“Higher education is one of the unprotected budget categories, which puts us and every other public institution of higher education in Washington, at risk,” said Dr. Lisa Skari, Highline’s vice president for Institutional Advancement.

State Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup, said that he is against more possible cuts for higher education.

“A bipartisan coalition of legislators decided to increase funding to higher education by 12 percent in 2013, allowing our colleges and universities to freeze tuition. We can do this again in 2015. We cannot allow additional tuition increases,” said Rep. Zeiger.

Regardless of a rise in costs, Highline students hope that the K-12 funding goes where it’s really needed.

“Where is the money going?” Christopher dal Porto asked. “Who’s benefiting from it and is it improving the quality of education?”



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The city estimates it will cost more than \$1 million to fix the boardwalk.

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ter and nearby Salty’s Restaurant with only minor damages, Dusenbury said.

Both the college and the restaurant remain on alert though, because at the time of the disaster, the tide level was 12 feet, 6 inches. The tide is expected to be 13 feet, 7 inch-

es the morning of Jan. 23.

However, if the water is calm and there is no storm surge as there was on Nov. 29, the potential for damage would be minimized.

The MaST suffered minimal impact.

“Slight damage to the exterior of the aquarium building and some electrical. Most has already been repaired,” said MaST manager Rus Higley.

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Later that day, Sam Alkhalili, Business Information Technology instructor and coordinator will tackle the issue of “Middle East Crisis and Islamophobia.” The event will take place in Building 2 between noon and 1 p.m.

Alkhalili will delve into the origins of ISIS and ISIL and their negative impact on societal islamaphobia.

On Jan. 21, Emory Douglas, revolutionary artist and minister of culture for the Black Panther Party will lecture on “Art of Social Activism 1967-2014.”

“Emory Douglas used art as a social change, that’s pretty amazing right? There will be a lot of knowledgeable people and I think students will really enjoy it,” said Natasha Burrows, Multicultural Affairs director.

Douglas will speak in Building 7 from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. A question and answer period will start right after the talk, from 11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A one-hour reception will follow in Building 2. Light refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be provided.

Last quarter, Multicultural Affairs sponsored a discussion regarding the killing of a black

teenager, Michael Brown, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo. last summer. Roughly a 100 students and staff attended then and the discussion will continue with Dr. Shon Meckfessel and Dr. Darryl Brice facilitating a panel. The two-hour forum starts at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 21.

On Thursday, Jan.22, Lee Mun Wah, an internationally renowned Chinese-American, documentary filmmaker, author, poet, Asian folk teller, educator, community therapist and master diversity trainer, starts off the day with his lecture “A Promise Still to Keep.”

The lecture runs from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. with a question and answer period running from 11:50am to 12:30pm. The lecture takes place in Building 7 (overflow room in highline Student union-Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus rooms).

Later that day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wah comes back with a workshop titled “Walking Each Other Home: Finding Our Way Through Difficult Conversations About Race.”

The workshop will provide techniques to more effectively mediate diversity, conflicts and misunderstanding.

“I really enjoyed MLK week last year and can’t wait for the upcoming one!” said third-year student Hasna Husein.

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