

## Pointing the way to campus



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Sound Transit officials held an open house to explain potential light rail routes near Highline College.

## College, cities clash over rail transit route

By Michael Muench  
Staff Reporter

There are as many opinions on where the light rail should be built as stops along its route.

Last Thursday's hearing in the Student Union was one of several comment periods that will be held by Sound Transit from April 10 until May 26.

The regional transit authority is trying to decide where to

build the next extension of the line, which will run from the Angle Lake Station to Highline. Construction on that section is supposed to start in 2019 with completion by 2023.

Many students and Highline faculty say that a Pacific Highway route has more future development potential despite the greater cost.

Homeowners, business owners and the cities of Kent and

Des Moines believe that the I-5 alternative is the right choice.

Sound Transit is taking comments regarding the light rail's alternate routes from the public via hearings held until May 26 and via online forms accessible on their website, federalwaylink.org.

Sound Transit released a

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## Chartwells says so long to Highline

By Zach Nunez  
Staff Reporter

The college is scrambling to find a new food services vendor after Chartwells opted to terminate its contract as of July 31.

Chartwells chose to exit its five-year contract early, which could leave the campus without food services for the last two weeks of Summer Quarter. The announcement was made during last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

The company has provided food and catering services to Highline since 2008. It operates both the main cafeteria and the Fireside Bistro in the Student Union and a small satellite café in Building 29.

It just signed a new contract last year.

The company terminated its food services contract last year at Green River College. It has been replaced there by Ovations, a food service vendor associated with Philadelphia based Comcast-Spectator.

"[Chartwells] told me they were not able to make a profit in this location," said Shirley Bean, director of Finance and Auxiliary Services.

Bean and Vice President for Administration Michael Pham both said that they are very committed to find a replacement by Fall Quarter.

"We hope to have someone on board by mid-August," Bean said.

The replacement process includes putting out a request

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Chartwells' unexpected departure could leave Highline with no food service for two weeks at the end of Summer Quarter.

## Highline may use federal grant to help the needy in King County

By Jason Bendickson  
Staff Reporter

Highline may host a new program to train homeless and unemployed individuals on food assistance to become self-sufficient.

A \$22 million United States Department of Agriculture grant has been awarded to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services to

fund a new pilot project called Resources to Initiate Successful Employment.

The three-year workforce development project is authorized from \$200 million set aside in the 2014 farm bill to reduce dependence on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

The project will enhance the current Basic Food Employment and Training program by adding case management and

work-based learning strategies to select populations.

Program Consultant Shavana Howard said that of the current more than 74,000 food stamp recipients that meet the program criteria in King, Pierce, Spokane, and Yakima counties, only 7,000 will be able to participate in the project.

The project is aimed at individuals on food assistance with significant barriers to em-

ployment, including homeless, veterans, those with limited English proficiency, those unemployed for 12 consecutive months or more, and non-custodial parents.

Howard said that case managers will make connections with and work with individuals who want to better themselves. The project will provide a chance to work through barriers and empower them to be-

come self-sufficient.

The project will offer comprehensive case management which includes coaching, navigation and providing or referring participants to other services as needed; and work-based learning opportunities which can include unsubsidized and subsidized employment,

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Batter up: Lady T-Birds head to softball playoffs in Portland





## Student assaulted nearby

**By Bryce Sizemore**  
Staff reporter

A female Highline student was assaulted by a man on the corner of Pacific Highway and South 240th Street at 8 a.m. on May 5.

The student was standing by the Chevron station when the man, who appeared to be homeless, began yelling obscenities at her and then shoulder checked her.

The man left the scene as the police were being called.

As Public Safety escorted the victim onto campus, the Kent Police unsuccessfully searched for the woman's attacker.

The suspect was described as a white adult male wearing a dark long-sleeved jacket, a dark towel over his head, and dark sweat pants.

## Grand theft auto on campus

The car of a prospective Highline student was stolen on May 11.

The high school student had parked his white Honda Civic in the North Parking Lot to take his Compass Test.

He had parked his car at 3:30 p.m. and reported it stolen to the Des Moines Police Department at 6:30 p.m.

The vehicle has not been located.

## East Parking Lot consumes vehicle

Public Safety assisted a visitor to Highline who had lost his car.

After combing the East Parking Lot, the search party located the missing vehicle.

## Youths vandalize the Library

Public Safety responded to calls of three minors throwing books and knocking over bookshelves on the fifth floor of the library at 8 p.m. on May 7.

Two of the youths were caught by Public Safety and turned over to Des Moines Police. One individual escaped. He has not been located.

# Bake sale aims to help change lives

**By Sam McCullough**  
Staff Reporter

Help women escape from prostitution in the local area by buying treats at a bake sale this Monday in Building 8.

Change for Change, an ongoing effort by Highline students to help the local community, is holding a bake sale on May 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Student Union on the second floor.

All proceeds from the bake sale will go to the Genesis Project, a local non-profit organization that aims to help women in prostitution.

The prices of items range from 50 cents to \$1. All goods sold are homemade.

"The Genesis Project is a local non-profit that helps women escape prostitution," said student Jared Kern, who is one of the organizers.

The Genesis Project is a Seattle-based organization that is run by volunteers, church groups and local law enforcement officers. It has been in operation since 2011.

Women find the Genesis



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Project through reference from survivors, local police, or the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force.

Victims' advocates say that roughly 90 percent of victims are forced to sell their bodies by a pimp. Almost no victims enter the trade willingly.

Young women enter the sex trade at 12 to 14 years old. With the average life expectancy for a prostitute at just seven years, many don't live to be 20.

The project uses three-step

program to help the women: rescue, restore, and release.

First, they rescue the women by meeting their immediate needs of shelter, food and clothing.

Then, the Genesis Project helps women connect with the community, receive an education, contact their families and find careers.

Once women are finished with the program, the Genesis Project helps them to find housing and continues to mentor

them.

"South King County is one of the worst places for sex trafficking in the state, so it's only natural that we help the Genesis Project," Kern said.

Further information on the Genesis Project can be found at <http://genesisnow.org>.

They may be contacted at 206-592-2362, or by emailing [info@gpseattle.net](mailto:info@gpseattle.net).

To donate to the project directly, visit <http://genesisnow.org/how-you-can-help/>.

# Dog lovers retrieve a wandering pooch

**By Bryce Sizemore**  
Staff Reporter

Students, Public Safety, staff and faculty came together to rescue a dog found roaming the campus this week.

The 8-year-old male golden retriever was found by a student in the East Parking Lot on Monday.

The dog was taken to Public Safety, who were instructed by King County Animal Control to hold the animal until they could pick him up the next day.

Public Safety cared for the dog, tying him up outside of their office in Building 6 and

providing him with water.

But staff and faculty in Building 5 heard the canine barking, seemingly distressed by the nearby construction, and decided to act.

"He was howling and crying," said Lauri Spivey, secretary of the Arts and Humanities Division.

She said that since she and most of the faculty in the building are dog lovers, the decision to bring him into the building was an obvious one.

Spivey said that once the dog was in the office he calmly laid on the floor.

Spivey described the dog as sweet, good tempered and not

particularly rambunctious. She also said that the dog obviously loved people.

The dog was very popular among the staff and faculty in the building, who periodically took the golden retriever on walks around campus.

The animal also caused concern among faculty, with Professor Susan Landgraf buying turkey and hamburger meat to feed the dog, as it was unknown when he had eaten last.

As the day came to an end, Professor Judy Mannard offered to take the dog home for the evening. Before she did that, she took the dog to a

veterinarian. There it was determined that the dog had a microchip.

When the dog's owner was contacted, it was discovered that he is in Eastern Washington and doesn't know whether he wants to put the dog up for adoption or retrieve it.

As the golden retriever awaits the decision of his owner, the dog remains the talk of the campus.

"Everyone on campus rallied around him," said Director of Public Safety Jim Baylor.

If the dog is put up for adoption, several staff and faculty in Building 5 have expressed interest in adopting him.



## Vote for president, vice president

Vote today for president and vice president of Associated Students of Highline College online at <https://elections.highline.edu/> or in person in Building 8, second floor. See page 3 for candidate profiles.

## STEPP deadline is tomorrow

The deadline for the final one-third payment of the Student Tuition Easy Payment Plan is tomorrow.

STEPP allows students to pay their tuition for Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters in three easy payments of one-third of the total amount over three months.

The STEPP for Summer Quarter is in payments of one-half the total amount.

For more information on STEPP, visit <https://registration.highline.edu/stepp.php> or go to the Cashier Office on the first floor of Building 6.

## Another chance to see sex traffic film

Women's Programs is showing the documentary *Rape for Profit* on May 27 to teach students about sex trafficking and the effects it has in the greater Seattle area. The showing is from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 7.

"Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery. This film addresses the issues in a straightforward and heart-breaking way," said Robyn Richins, a Workfirst/Workforce

academic advisor.

Following the film, there will be a question and answer forum to help attendees understand what they viewed in the film.



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# Vote for student leadership today

Online voting for next year's officers ends at midnight tonight

By Sam McCullough and E. Abebaw  
Staff Reporters

Today is the last day to vote for next year's student government leadership.

There are three candidates for both presidential and vice presidential positions.

Kendall Evans, Pa Ousman Jobe and Lisa Gamido are vying for president, while Richelle Enriquez, Dominic Allen and Mingzhen Wu are running for vice president.

To run for either position, each student had to fill out an application, answer essay questions, get a recommendation from a faculty member, attend mandatory meetings, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Here is a rundown on the presidential candidates:

**KENDALL EVANS** is a retired veteran who wants to give students a voice.

Evans was in the army for four years, an aspiration he had since he was young.

"I've always wanted to be in the military," Evans said.

"I patrolled West Germany at the end of the Cold War," he said.

After being discharged, he came to Highline to explore an education.

He originally planned on transferring to Columbia University in New York, but then Highline unveiled its four new bachelor of applied science degree programs.

"Highline had the program I wanted to study. Youth development is the missing piece in my education," Evans said.

He has been involved in student leadership through TRiO, a federally funded program that helps first-generation students. Evans is a student ambassador of TRiO and he's won the TRiO Student of the Year Award last year.

"TRiO is amazing," Evans said.

Now, he's ready to make changes over all of campus.

"Working in TRiO, I help TRiO students. But as president, I would help all students," Evans said.

He said he wants to represent the whole campus, but doesn't want to make campaign promises.

"If I make campaign promises, I could be impeding on what needs to be done. We could be preventing something," Evans said.

He says his main plan if elected is to just give students a voice.

"They need a voice. They need someone to listen and someone to echo them," Evans said. "I would represent the en-



The candidates answered questions to a full room at a forum on May 5. From left to right: Evans, Jobe, Gamido, Enriquez, Wu, and Allen.

tire population."

**PA OUSMAN JOBE** is a second-year student who wants to help students with the struggles they face daily.

"I would be a good president because I had lived the struggles of being a student," he said.

Jobe is a business student with big dreams of taking the business world by storm. He has plans to start a business that would benefit the whole community.

"I want to start an economic justice business that would benefit the community and the people the work in the business," Jobe said.

He came to Highline because of the diversity and the educational opportunities.

"I love Highline but I especially love the students who make up the Highline community," Jobe said.

He said he wants to incite change by becoming president.

"The desire to see myself and other students succeed has always been a driving factor in my pursuit for social justice, equity and change," Jobe said.

He aims to help students reach their full potential, without accumulating an empty bank account.

"I want to work on having cheaper educational resources, especially textbooks," he said.

Jobe also wants to be the voice that represents minorities on campus.

"I want to help students to feel safe and know they are not alone in whatever they are going through," he said.

He said he plans on building relationships with students and building trust between student government and the student body.

"My vision for Highline is so bright that you will need shades to walk around the campus," Jobe said.

**LISA GAMIDO** is in the personal fitness trainer program, and says she wants to whip Highline into shape.

"My hope is to persuade students to use freedom of speech to express need to appropriate departments, staff or personnel," she said.

Gamido is the current president of Life Club, which meets weekly to discuss how to help and improve the life quality of others.

She says she wants to take what she knows from Life Club and apply it to the entire campus.

"As current president of Life Club, I think an appeal is currently in place for particular concerns to be dealt with. There are plans to improve transportation and maintenance costs, including parking and construction for building upgrades," Gamido said.

She says she wants to make big changes on campus and address students concerns.

"My hope is to turn issues over by 180 degrees and to help derive solutions in accordance with the current resolutions," Gamido said.

**MINGZHEN WU** came to Highline to explore other cultures by majoring in French, and also is president of the French Club.

He was unavailable for an interview at the time of press, but he discussed his plans as vice president in the candidate's forum that happened on May 5.

He said he wants to help international students.

"I would create a translator placement to help students struggling with their English," Wu said.

He said he want students to be able to take their backpacks into the Bookstore in Building 8.

"I hope in the future the Bookstore can allow bags," Wu said.

**DOMINIC ALLEN** would make communication with students his top priority if he is elected student body vice president.

"I am very vocal and I will try to persuade leadership to take a suggestions from students," Allen said.

Personal interactions are one of his strong points, he said.

"I plan to major in business and music," Allen said. "Due to my business background I consider networking with people to be one of my strengths."

Aside from his strong networking skills, Allen says he has

faced various adversities that he believes make him qualified to run for vice president.

He was born in New Orleans. Adopted at an early age, and then he was separated from his mother and had to travel to multiple foster homes to find a fitting home.

"I know how it feels to be alienated. I want to help all students at Highline feel welcomed and accepted," Allen said.

He was born in New Orleans and went through Hurricane Katrina.

"Through all that I have kept my head-strong," Allen said.

"I learned about this position from the old vice president, Ruth Krizan, and I thought it would be a new experience and an opportunity to help students," Allen said.

He said he is a people person who understands what students are going through on campus and the struggle they are faced with outside of campus.

Allen said he plans to tackle the major issues facing students at Highline, such as the affordability of books, tuition and parking permits.

"I want to work with leadership to plan fundraisers for students that cannot afford books, and lowering prices for book rentals," Allen said.

The current discussion of the Link Light Rail being built near Highline has sparked Allen's interest as he plans to market Highline's diversity to nearby communities in Seattle and Tacoma.

"I want students to know I am a hardworking, open-minded

Vote on May 13-14



for Student Government

individual who is willing to do his best at everything if elected vice president," Allen said.

**RICHELLE ENRIQUEZ** says she believes her previous leadership experience as a community leadership consultant with the Center for Leadership and Service makes her highly qualified to be the next Highline student body vice president.

Next year is Enriquez's third and final year at Highline. She says she plans to make a long-lasting contribution to improve the experience of all Highline students.

"I am very familiar with the leadership," Enriquez said. "This is my second year working as community leadership consultant which involves working alongside the leadership members."

The position has taught her how to work with a team and also take a leadership position when necessary, Enriquez said.

She is undecided on her major but has taken a pattern of classes that are related to Social Justice.

"I am more excited than scared for the opportunity to become vice president. If I get elected only good things will come," Enriquez said.

Enriquez proposed using school spirit generated around athletics and clubs to create a welcoming atmosphere.

"I want to support groups that have low representation in the student government such as our LGBT community, as well as special disability and minority groups here at campus," Enriquez said.

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Students can vote online at <https://elections.highline.edu> or by visiting the voting polls in Building 8 on the second floor. Voting online ends at midnight and the results will be announced sometime Friday.



Students begin voting for student government at polls in Building 8.



# People need to know dangers of sex trade

Students need to be aware of the dangers of human trafficking.

When you are aware and educated you are less likely to make the same mistake as someone who was not aware.

The people who fall victim to sex trafficking are young impressionable girls.

But anyone can be subjected to human trafficking.

Everyone should be aware that it does happen and they should be careful.

That's why it is a good idea for schools to have a program where students are informed of human trafficking.

The Highline School District did not have a sex trafficking program, however they are doing something.

Catherine Carbone Rogers is the chief communications officer for the Highline School District.

"We have been working with the King County Superior Court's Task Force: Coalition against Sexual Exploitation of Children," said Rogers.

"The Curriculum was already piloted by Chicago Schools and has good data to show it meets the standards for quality education about Sexual Health and Violence prevention. This pilot will make it possible to have more data and make recommendations for any changes and use for the curriculum in the schools. It is strength-based, meaning it teaches strengths and skills to prevent trafficking," she said.

The program is called "Empowering Young Men/Women to End Sexual Violence."

"We are doing that curriculum at Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines and New Start High School in White Center this spring. Then the task force will be compiling the data provided by those pilots to make any adaptations to the curriculum," said Rogers.

The purpose of this curriculum is not to scare students and cause them to be fearful.

But they need to know that human trafficking is real and could happen to anyone of them if not careful.

Human trafficking is a serious subject that shouldn't be taken lightly.

According to the Sex trafficking resource center "U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, women, men, children, and LGBTQ individuals can be victims of sex trafficking. Runaway and homeless youth, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, war or conflict, or social discrimination are frequently targeted by traffickers."

Sex traffickers lure people with false claims of love or maybe even lies about a job.

Some times sex traffickers spend years with a victim to gain their trust.

Their mission is for someone to get comfortable and fall for their trap.

Human traffickers sell and ship their victims over seas so there is no trace

According to kingcounty.gov, "A 2013 report from the U.S. State Department identifies nearly 47,000 men, women and children trafficked and forced into different forms of slavery, such as forced labor, sexual exploitation, debt bondage, and forced marriages, each year worldwide. Shining a bright light on these crimes and educating the public is one way we can work to eradicate these types of crimes."

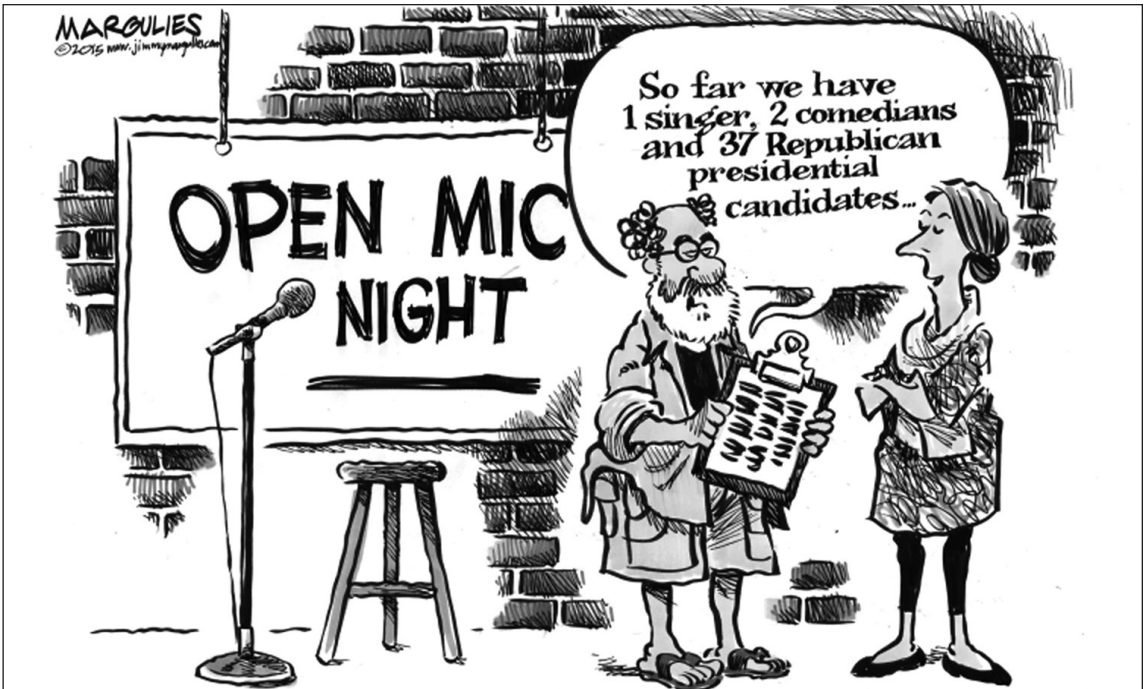
Human trafficking is a hush hush subject.

People don't want to see people being sold like property.

People don't want to see what happens to people who are abducted and abused for selfish intentions.

Human trafficking victims hardly ever see their families.

If there is a way to reduce the amount of people who go through this experience, we need to do it.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear smokers:

Please take your smoking to designated smoking areas.

I can't avoid secondhand smoke if you don't.

For sensitive people like me, it can trigger sudden illness.

On May 11, around noon, I was sitting on a bench outside Building 3 feeling healthy when suddenly, someone walking by with an e-cigar exhaled a cloud of smoke right next to me.

Immediately I started coughing, then choking, then I got up, ran into the bathroom and barfed.

My stomach kept hurting and my heart pounded and hurt non-

stop for the next thirty minutes.

I seriously considered telling my professor I was too sick to be in class.

Designated smoking areas are available for you so you can have a place to smoke where nonsmokers can expect and avoid secondhand smoke. I've memorized the locations of all the designated smoking areas on campus.

If you're outside, chances are

there's one within 30 seconds of walking from you, so you can't make the excuse that they're too far away.

So, I ask you once again, please take your smoking to designated smoking areas so everyone can go about their business without being surprised by smoke in the wrong area.

— Joley White, Highline student

## 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](mailto:thunderword@highline.edu) by Monday for print on Thursday.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

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1. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Sardinia is part of which nation?
2. LITERATURE: Which poet won a Pulitzer Prize in 1948 for a long poem called *The Age of Anxiety*?
3. U.S. STATES: What state's nickname is "The Evergreen State"?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the former name of the United Arab Emirates?
5. HISTORY: During which century were Papal Swiss Guards first posted in the Vatican?
6. MOVIES: Who wrote and directed the movie *La Dolce Vita*?
7. MYTHOLOGY: Tyr was a Norse god of what?

8. INVENTIONS: Which English agricultural pioneer invented a seed drill that planted seeds in a neat row?
9. LANGUAGE: What's a fedora?
10. ENTERTAINERS: What French entertainer's most famous character was clown named Bip?

- Answers
1. Italy
  2. W.H. Auden
  3. Washington
  4. Trucial States
  5. 16th century
  6. Federico Fellini
  7. War
  8. Jethro Tull
  9. Hat
  10. Marcel Marceau

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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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# King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Nerd-pack contents
- 5 Intimidate
- 8 Mop the decks
- 12 "I smell —!"
- 13 Blackbird
- 14 Designer Rabbane
- 15 It may rock you to sleep
- 17 — time (never)
- 18 Kitchen fixture
- 19 Hosts
- 21 World's fair
- 24 "— the fields we go"
- 25 Sunrise
- 28 Lambs' dams
- 30 Squeazy snake
- 33 Eggs
- 34 Shoe stren-theners
- 35 Chances, for short
- 36 Drench
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- 43 This way
- 46 Seafood selections

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- 10 Teen's worry
- 11 Greets the villain
- 16 Tyranno-saurus —
- 20 Rolling stone's lack
- 22 Incubator sound
- 23 Little hooter
- 25 Wall Street stat, familiarly
- 26 "Hail!"
- 27 Have fun
- on waves
- 29 Engrave
- 31 Choose
- 32 Fire leftovers
- 34 Troubles
- 38 Wicked Queen's advisor?
- 40 Ballot caster
- 42 Expert
- 43 Charitable donations
- 44 Layer
- 45 Vacillate
- 47 As well
- 48 Gaucho's weapon
- 49 Any time now
- 52 — Khan
- 53 Huck's pal

### DOWN

- 1 Feline feet
- 2 Part of Q.E.D.
- 3 Peace-keeping org.
- 4 Spielberg or Soderbergh

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret -- the change most likely will turn out for the better.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the



whole pride to work to make it happen.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cu-

pid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

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- Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwright's Festival presents new local works at Burien Actors Theatre. The festival will feature two one act plays per show and will alternate shows after the first two weekends, showing four one act plays total. The first weekend of the festival opens May 1-10, and shows alternate on May 15-24. Tickets for everyone are \$10, and available online or by phone. The Burien Actors Theatre is in the Burien Community Center Annex, at 14501 4th Ave. S.W. in Burien.
- The young singers of Burien's Northwest Associated Arts present a revue with narration, dancing, light costuming and solos. The youth choruses will perform their musical salute to those friendships they cherish from both near and far on May 15, 7 p.m. at the Highline Performing arts Center. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors (17 & under free with a paid adult ticket) and available at [www.nwassociatedarts.org](http://www.nwassociatedarts.org) or 206-246-6040
- ChoralSounds Northwest presents *Encore!* A 30th Anniversary Concert on May 16th and 17th at the Highline Performing Arts Center. *Encore!* is a nostalgic look back at CSN's 30-year history of Spring concerts. Audiences will hear Broadway pieces and movie favorites. Tickets are \$20-25 (17 & under free with a paid adult) and available at [www.nwassociatedarts.org](http://www.nwassociatedarts.org) or 206-246-6040
- *9 to 5: the Musical* comes to the Auburn Ave Theater. This musical adaptation based on the 1980 hit movie is brought to the stage featuring local talented actors of the Auburn Community Players. Set in the late 1970s, *9 to 5* is a story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic, *9 to 5* is about teaming up and taking care of business. Based on a book by Patricia Resnick and music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the story follows three female co-workers who concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritic they call their boss. June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20, 7:30 p.m. and June 14, 2 p.m.
- *The Boy Friend* comes to Renton Civic Theatre June 12 - 27. The Jazz Age lives on in this light, romantic spoof of 1920s musical comedy. Set in the French Riviera, an English heiress attending Finishing School, falls in love with a local delivery boy. Things get complicated with the unexpected arrival local royalty. Tickets are available online at [www.burienactors.com](http://www.burienactors.com)



YouthSounds Northwest photo

*YouthSounds explores traditional music from around the world.*

# Young voices travel Near and Far

**By Haley Lusher**  
Staff Reporter

A musical salute to the values of friendships, whether close or distant, will be performed by three youth chorus groups May 15 in Burien.

The Youth Choral Education Program joins its three youth choirs; KidSounds Northwest and YouthSounds Northwest – both conducted by Colleen Thomas Reitsma – and TeenSounds Northwest – conducted by Kerstin Shaffer – for a performance it calls *Near & Far*.

“*Near & Far* is a choir performance featuring both crowd favorites and traditional music from around the world,” said Taylor Ruyffeleare, manager of the choirs.

Supported by the Northwest



YouthSounds Northwest photo

*YouthSounds features singers from grades 3- 12.*

Associated Arts, the choirs provide musical education and performance opportunities for young people from grades 3-12 in South King County.

By reaching out to local schools, the choirs interact and encourage young singers to have

fun singing a variety of music.

Young children are taught proper vocal techniques and the artistry of music to develop well-rounded musicians, Ruyffeleare said.

“Our goal is to educate young musicians, so there is no experience required [to join],” she said.

The choirs, when performing together, have 60-65 singers.

*Near & Far* unfolds Friday at 7 p.m. at the Highline Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are available at the box office for \$15 for general, \$10 for seniors, free for ages 17 and younger with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are also available online at [nwassociatedarts.org/cart/](http://nwassociatedarts.org/cart/).

Highline Performing Arts Center is at 401 S. 152nd St. in Burien.

# ChoralSounds singers take it to Broadway

**By Haley Lusher**  
Staff Reporter

The strains of Broadway hits from shows such as *West Side Story*, *Into the Woods*, and *Jersey Boys* will fill the Highline Performing Arts Center this weekend.

ChoralSounds Northwest will salute three decades of performances Saturday and Sunday when it presents *Encore!* ChoralSounds 30th Anniversary Concert.

The troupe will perform under the baton of Artistic Director Ryan Ellis.

Ellis has been a conductor, organist, and a vocal coach for 15 years in Louisiana, Massachusetts, Bermuda and now in



ChoralSounds Northwest photo

*ChoralSounds will be performing Broadway hits at the Highline Performing Arts Center.*

Washington state.

“We want to share our success with the community,” said Paul Bauer, general manager for ChoralSounds Northwest.

The choir comprises about 65-70 community members.

“It is a fun thing for the sing-

ers and the community to be involved in,” Bauer said.

ChoralSounds Northwest will perform May 16-17 at the Highline Performing Arts Center.

Showtimes are Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors, and free for youth (ages 17 and younger).

Tickets are available online at [nwassociatedarts.org/cart/](http://nwassociatedarts.org/cart/), or at the box office.

The Performing Arts Center is at 401 S. 152nd St. in Burien.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held at Highline College  
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Yui Fujiwara/  
THUNDERWORD  
Japanese students  
perform an Awa  
Odori dance at  
GlobalFest on Satur-  
day, while Taiwan-  
ese students perform  
a bamboo dance,  
below left.

# GlobalFest takes Highline on a journey around the world

By Michael  
Muench  
Staff Reporter

Culture from  
around the globe  
came together  
during Highline's  
GlobalFest last Sat-  
urday.

Amee Moon,  
who is an assistant  
director of the In-  
ternational Student  
Programs, organized Global-  
Fest's performances and booths.  
"You're going to be tak-  
en around the world to see  
and hear and experience all of  
these wonderful cultures," said  
Kathleen Hasselblad, executive  
director of International Pro-  
grams & Grants.

The focal point of GlobalFest



was a show that took place in  
the Mt. Olympus room consist-  
ing of skits, songs, a rap perfor-  
mance, traditional dances from  
all around the world, a string  
quartet and a group of Taiko  
drummers.

The show revolved around a  
fragmented skit that took place  
in between each performance.

The skit's story fo-  
cused on the life of  
an international stu-  
dent's time at  
Highline.

The Mt. Con-  
stance room was  
packed with bright  
streamers that  
lined the ceiling  
and booths filled  
with traditional or-  
naments and garb,  
food and cardboard

trifolds detailing the history of  
each nation.

"We do GlobalFest to showcase  
campus diversity," Moon said.

The room was colorfully  
transformed by the smells of  
Japanese fried chicken, wontons,  
lotus stem salad, and baklava in-  
termingled with the sounds of  
native Korean pop music, laugh-  
ter and a cacophony of voices in  
all different languages.

"I think it went really well,"  
Moon said.



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD  
Above, a Highline string quartet preforms, while a Somali student paints a henna design on another  
student's hand, left, in a GlobalFest booth. Two more students perform a bellydance, above right.



T-Birds begin championship run in Portland

By Charles Prater  
Staff Reporter

The softball playoffs start for the T-Birds Friday, May 15, as they will travel to Portland to compete for a championship. The NWAC Tournament will be played at Delta Park in Oregon where 16 teams will compete to be crowned NWAC champions.

Four teams from each division are in the tournament and they are all ranked from a one seed to a 16 seed.

If a team loses, they will then be put in the consolation bracket where they will compete for third place in the tourney.

Pierce, 13-5 (20-20 overall), ended the season in second place in the west and will be the No. 14 team.

The Rangers’ Anna Lennox is fourth in home runs in the league with 14, while Pierce is ranked third overall in home runs with 28.

“Our overall speed and athleticism is our greatest strength,” said Pierce Head Coach Mark Edmonston.

Olympic, 12-12 (17-15 overall), finished fourth in the North Division and will be the No. 13 seed team.

“Our team’s greatest strength is our experience, our hitting, and our team speed,” said Olympic Head Coach Dan Haas. The Rangers best hitter is Jordyn Nickolson, who is fifth in the league in batting average with .500.

“We start seven sophomores who played in the NWAC tour-



Kayla Dickson/THUNDERWORD  
Sam Sperlich sets up for a pitch against Grays Harbor.

ney last year and know what to expect. We have good solid hitting from one to nine in that order,” he said.

“We like to run the bases and have only had two players thrown out all year.”

Highline, 11-7 (16-18 overall), finished third in the West division and was awarded the 11 seed.

T-Bird Aly Rippingham finished the season 10th in batting with a .474 average and Hayley Craddock finished 12th with .462.

“Playing in our division, anything happened,” said Highline Head Coach Jason Evans.

“Centralia won our division but we beat them three out of four times, so you never know

what’s going to happen once you get in.”

Spokane, 27-1 (41-4 overall), is the No. 1 overall seed in the tourney, with the best record in the East Division and in the league.

“We have a strong pitching staff in sophomores Lindsie Scholwinski and Haylie VanLaethem and the defense behind them has been solid,” said Spokane Head Coach Janet Scaife.

“Offensively we’ve been scoring a lot of runs and we hope to stay hot.”

The Sasquatches are the favorites to win it all and will be led by Scholwinski.

Scholwinski ended the season with 25 wins, 240 strikeouts

and an ERA of 0.82, all No. 1 in their respected categories.

“In these types of tournaments pitching is always the key,” said Olympic Coach Haas.

“For that reason, I think that Spokane will be the tournament favorite. I also think Southwest Oregon and Douglas will be in the mix,” he said.

“I think Spokane will be the toughest matchup for any team,” said Highline Coach Evans.

“Especially having never played them in the regular season, outside of pitching, we don’t know what kind of team they are,” he said.

The T-Birds play No. 6 Wenatchee Valley, 22-6, (33-12 overall), for the second time in the first round, having played them back in March.

The T-Birds lost to the Knights 20-6 in what was the most runs they’ve given up all season.

The Knights are the No.1 team in RBIs with a total of 238 and three players in the top five in RBIs. Iris Rodriguez is No.1 in the league and for Wenatchee Valley with 62, followed by third place teammate Nikki Mather with 37 and fifth place teammate Sidney Hazen with 34.

“Going into the tourney, our hitting has gotten a lot better,” said Coach Evans.

“There are times when we’ve scored five to seven runs in an inning and we average about eight to nine runs in a game,” he said.

“So no matter what, we are going to score runs, it’s just

making sure we play good defense to win the game.”

Defense is something a few coaches stress will be one of the main keys to winning the championship.

Pierce Coach Edmonston put it, “Pitching and defense wins championships.”

While some coaches feel other factors will play an important part in winning the big one.

“I feel it has to do with getting hot at the right time,” said Spokane Coach Scaife.

“We’ve had some amazing teams over the years, but when it came to tournament time, the bats cooled off, and even though the pitching is partly responsible for that, I think the teams that are the most relaxed and play the way they are capable, will be successful,” she said.

“I’ve taken teams that come in as the No. 12 seed and we finished fifth. Other times we are the 5 seed and we finish ninth. It’s just a matter of getting hot at the right time and playing your best ball when it counts the most,” she said.

“To win you need to stay in the winners bracket,” said Coach Haas.

“You also need some luck. Softball is a funny game and anything can, and usually does happen,” he said

The first round game for the T-Birds against Wenatchee Valley is on Friday at 10 a.m., and if they win, will play again on Friday at 2 p.m. against either No. 3 Douglas or No. 14 Pierce.

T-Birds split two games with Grays Harbor

By Charles Prater  
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds finished the season third in the West Division, after losing to and beating Grays Harbor.

Highline, 11-7, (16-18 overall), played a doubleheader against the Chokers last Friday.

The T-Birds played Grays Harbor back in April, beating them twice in a doubleheader.

Highline won a close one in the first match, winning 7-6.

The second game against the Chokers saw Highlines best

offensive performance of the season, scoring 16 runs and winning, 16-10.

This time around, Grays Harbor was ready for them.

The first game for the T-Birds was a struggle offensively, as they failed to earn a single run in the game, losing 8-0.

The Chokers scored only one run in the third inning and then lit it up at the top of the fifth inning.

Grays Harbor had the bases loaded for a majority of the fifth inning.

The first score came from the Chokers’ Elizabeth Garmann, who ran in after a single by teammate Chelsy Stewart.

After another earned run, Grays Harbor Katelynn Paladin hit a double, allowing two teammates to score, putting them up 5-0.

Grays Harbor finished the inning with Samantha King hitting a home run for the final score.

The T-Birds struggled hitting the ball, with only four of the nine players at batting regis-

tering a hit.

In the next game, Highline found its groove again.

Highline assured the Chokers that this game was not going to be like the last one, scoring two runs in the first inning.

The T-Birds put together another great inning with six earned runs in the fifth, to win the game 9-1.

T-Birds Paige Hughes and Jordyn Summers both registered doubles in the inning, with Hughes hitting two doubles in the game total.

Sam Sperlich was able to score off a wild throw, to give Highline a 7-1 lead.

Hughes, along with Cheyanne Haas, had three RBIs in the game to help the T-Birds win the game.

This was the last regular season game for Highline, before they begin their playoff run.

The T-Birds will travel to Portland to compete in the NWAC tournament where they will play Wenatchee Valley in the first round on Friday, May 15.

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Scoreboard

Woman's Softball

Team	Conference W-L	Season W-L
West Division		
Centralia*+	14-4	20-20
Pierce +	13-5	20-20
Highline +	11-7	16-18
Green River	6-12	11-26
Grays Harbor+	6-12	6-22
South Puget Sound	0-10	0-18
South Division		
Clackamas *+	16-4	32-8
SW Oregon +	14-6	31-9
Mt. Hood +	14-6	29-9
Lower Columbia +	9-11	21-17
Clark	4-16	14-26
Chemeketa	3-17	17-24

\* Clinch Division

+ Clinched Playoff

Scores

Spokane 10 vs. Yakima Valley 1

Everett 13 vs. Shoreline 4

Mt. Hood 11 vs. Chemeketa 2

Woman's Softball

Team	Conference W-L	Season W-L
North Division		
Douglas *+	22-2	26-9
Bellevue +	19-5	30-12
Everett +	13-11	18-18
Olympic +	12-12	17-15
Skagit Valley	5-15	11-17
Edmonds	5-19	9-23
Shoreline	5-19	8-24
East Division		
Spokane *+	27-1	41-4
Wenatchee Valley+	22-6	33-12
Treasure Valley+	17-11	21-27
Columbia Basin+	14-14	25-21
Blue Mountain	12-16	15-31
Walla Walla	11-17	17-29
Big Bend	7-21	13-33
Yakima Valley	2-26	3-42
North Idaho	0-0	41-6

Blue Mountain 3 vs. Walla Walla 4

Olympic 1 vs. Douglas 11

Pierce 6 vs. Green River 13

Grays Harbor 1 vs. Highline 9

Treasure Valley 6 vs. Columbia Basin 4

Lower Columbia 2 vs. Clackamas 10



# Four-star hotel expected to be done in November

By **Abdirizak Ahmed**  
Staff Reporter

Despite repeated delays, the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in the city of Des Moines, once known as the Artemis Hotel is expected to be completed by November.

The eight-story, four-star hotel project will have 225 rooms and a 6,000 square foot banquet room that will accommodate 300 guests. Some 80 staff will be hired for the hotel, and another 80 for the casino/restaurant on the first floor, said Project Director Albert Sze.

The upscale hotel and restaurant facility will provide quality enjoyment to the area, and will contribute to the local economy via lodging and hospitality taxes, Sze said.

“My goal is to establish a quality entertainment facility in the heart of Pacific Highway South [that will] become a landmark hotel in Des Moines that everyone would like to [be] around,” Sze said.

The hotel will be marketed through Starwood’s, one of the larger customer groups that Sheraton utilizes for booking rooms online.



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

The soon to be four-star hotel will be in Des Moines, and in the heart of Pacific Highway South.

The hotel is anticipated to help the Des Moines economy in more ways than one.

“The opening of the hotel

will increase business opportunity and employment to the Des Moines area,” said Des Moines Mayor Dave Kaplan.

The hotel is located at the southeast corner of South 224th Street and Pacific Highway South.

# Unity Week speaker aims to enable the disabled

By **Michael Muench**  
Staff Reporter

Society must rethink its views of the disabled, a prominent advocate said here recently.

Lydia Brown who is an author, activist and public speaker on the subject of disability and autism, spoke during Unity Week.

Ableism is the idea that the disabled must strive to meet society’s standards of normal, Brown said.

It is an entire system, on a societal level, of belief and doing that hurts disabled people.

Ableism is a form of structural oppression, she said.

“We have created a society around an imagined normal,” Brown said.

That society, she said, has created the concept of disability, where their peers have deemed unacceptable the way in which the disabled occupy space.

Currently there are many related ideas that are used by people in order to understand disabled people. These ideas, in their simplest form, exist as a starting point for understanding and thinking about the disabled as a whole, Brown said.

In one way, Brown said, the disabled person exists as inspiration.

A disability is a special barrier that they must overcome to succeed in society and “normal” people are geared to compare themselves to these stories.

The disabled are often thought of as charity cases, in which they are tragic, requiring pity, Brown said.

The medical and social thoughts on the matter are two sides of the same coin, Brown said.

On one side the medical aspect takes into account only the body.

Laid out simply: disability exists inside the body and must



Lydia Brown

be corrected.

The social aspect takes into account disability as an event outside the body, something that does not take place in nature, Brown said.

There are many ways of thinking about disability, she said, and they carry different meanings depending on where and when you are in society.

Two of the most impactful and hurtful ways that society views disabled people is to presume that they are incompetent and to presume that their caregiver is benevolent, Brown said.

They give the public an image of a disabled person who cannot care for him or herself, that cannot think for him or herself and assumes that their caregivers will not hurt them, Brown said.

Oppression, which is a systematic disenfranchisement of a particular group as a result of the power belonging to a privileged group, exists in layers that accumulate into inherently different experiences from person to person, she said.

The disabled are forced into compliance by society and by the judicial system, Brown said.

These ideas exist on a large scale and permeate our society.

Rather than being taken into account by themselves, they

should be understood as a mesh of ideas. When one is taken into account, some or the rest must also be taken into account in order to advance understanding of the situation.

“They blur into each other,” Brown said.

Ableism, which contains within it the ideas of oppres-

sion, the compliance that that oppression demands, and the misrepresentation of disabled people on a societal level, is a form of violence, she said.

This form of violence must be stopped by forming intersectional coalitions, Brown said.

It is important to form space in which certain ideas can be

challenged, where society’s problems can be addressed.

There are ways to raise awareness about the problems of the disabled, you just have to be creative, she said.

You can find out more about Lydia Brown on her website located at <http://www.autistichoya.com/p/about.html>.



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A member of The Gideons passes out a copy of the New Testament to a student in front of Building 6.

# Gospel comes to campus

By Jon Albers  
Staff Reporter

Members of The Gideons International came to Highline to hand out New Testaments and share the gospel this Tuesday. The Gideons International is an organization of church members who distribute Bibles around the world. They primarily distribute in places such as schools, colleges, hotels, jails

and hospitals. “We try to put ourselves in places where people’s lives are changing,” Gideons member Dale Dunford said. The primary goal is to spread the gospel, as it is in the Bible, despite deserving death for our sin. Jesus came as a substitute so we could be saved, Dunford said. Students have recieved it very well. There have been several hundred bibles distributed

with no real hostility. The aim is not to push it on people, and they have been very polite, said Dunford. “They are not forcing it on anyone, so it’s cool,” said Hamza, a student who had interacted with the Gideons. The Gideons have passed out more than 1.9 billion Bibles and New Testaments in more than 190 countries worldwide, according to the Gideons Interna-

tional website, gideons.org. The Gideons believe that God inspired the Bible, and that it is valuable in knowing who God is, Dunford said. The Gideons visit Highline once a year, in order to make a copy of God’s word available to students, Dunford said. The New Testaments are the English standard version that includes Psalms and Proverbs, Dunford said.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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# Community needs to help homeless, expert says

By Bogdan Koval  
Staff Reporter

South King County’s homeless numbers are growing and the local community is doing little to alleviate the problem, a housing expert said at last week’s Woman’s Program celebration. Kelly Rider, policy director of Housing Development Consortium explained what homelessness is, offered homelessness statistics and proposed what can be done to end it once and for all. “People who are homeless don’t know where they are going to sleep or do their work that night so they can’t focus on school or work. They have to worry about where they will stay the next night,” Rider said. Most homeless people are veterans, single parents and youth, but the truth is it could happen to anyone, Rider said. In South King County alone, 660 people were counted sleeping on the ground in the, “One Night Count” the Committee to End Homelessness did last January. In all of King County, 10,901 people were counted as unshel-

tered. “This number is an undercount,” Rider said. This number does not include people who couch-surf, drop off kids with families, or go from family to family on a monthly basis, Rider said. The average family of four needs \$71,000 to live in an apartment and that’s a number that is getting harder for families to reach, Rider said. The average amount a family should pay for housing is 30 percent of their paycheck, she said. As of this year, 17 percent of people in South King County pay more than 50 percent of their income check for housing. Rider said people think homeless people come from other areas, but they are from your own community. “Do you see why this is such a big problem now?” Rider asked. Seventy heads in the audience nodded. The Housing Development Consortium will release a strategic plan next month that is expected to recommend a realignment of the system to give financial aid to the people who are most in need.

In the meantime, homeless people in need of a “safe place location” can visit libraries, which will provide shelter for free, no questions asked, Rider said.

“It’s good to know about this stuff because now you can take some action to help,” Rider said. “You can intern, do community service to groups that help

homeless people and come to meetings to see what is happening. One group which you can help is the Committee to End Homelessness,” Rider said.

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# Prof trades money for job satisfaction

By Anna Trinh  
Staff Reporter

Che Dawson traded a six-figure salary with a big downtown legal firm and a fantastic view of Elliot Bay for sweaty locker-rooms and a classroom.

In 2003, Highline paralegal instructor and head men's basketball coach, took the opportunity to trade society's definition of the good life to fulfil a passion to help mold the lives of young people.

With experience in both teaching and coaching, he didn't hesitate to go for it.

"I didn't go to law school or to higher education to make a certain amount of money," Dawson told an Honors Colloquy audience recently.

"The reason I went to college is so that I can choose what



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*Che Dawson said he prefers making a difference to making money.*

I want to do," he said. "It was never my intention to make big money."

The Highline job afforded him that opportunity.

But there was at least one person who was perplexed by

his career decision.

His mother didn't get to go to college, but she had always emphasized it.

As he left the law firm his mother asked, "Why did you go to law school, if you're going to

go just teach?"

The question that he actually found himself trying to answer was: "Why did I go to law school?"

Dawson urged his Honors Colloquy audience – indeed anyone pursuing an education – to give themselves permission to do what they want to do.

"The options become greater as you become more educated, more exposed to different people, and more exposed to different things," Dawson said.

He said students are welcome to email him if they need any life/school advice or guidance. His email is cdawson@highline.edu

The next Honors Colloquy speaker will be Highline's Dr. James Peyton, an economics professor. He will speak May 20 at 12:15 p.m. in Building 10, room 205.

# Young people phoning it in when it comes to social skills, students admit

By Diana Prikhodko  
Staff Reporter

Students questioned – and argued – the effects of the Internet in society during the Death of Social Skills discussion last Wednesday.

The Internet, and people's extensive use of it, has been put to question.

Our phones never seem to take a break from our hands, students said at the forum.

The discussion focused on how social media was taking over face-to-face interactions, where friends can be in one room but not looking at each other.

"It's a separate kind of togetherness," one student said.

They said it's a default action to pull out your phone instead

of starting a conversation with the person next to you.

People can spend hours together without making eye contact, said a student.

A video was shown at the discussion called *Look Up*, which talked about how social media is anything but.

People are pretending not to notice the social isolation. How society is becoming a world of confusion as everyone looks down at their screens.

The movie's message was to look up from the screen and to take notice of the opportunities that would have been missed otherwise.

The group's greatest concern seemed to be with the younger

generation.

Children are growing up in a society where texting and using social media for communication raises no alarm, a student said.

Many of the students agreed that their days of childhood were spent in the sun with their friends, riding their bikes and climbing trees.

One student said she spent all her time outside, only coming in for lunch and dinner.

But now the swings are empty as children are seeing adults living like robots and think it's the norm, a student said.

"Parents aren't watching the children's intake of artificial entertainment," one student said.

Children aren't learning to read social cues because they aren't looking at facial expressions, one student said.

A study shows that the average age a child in America gets a phone is 8.

The group said that adult figures, such as parents, need to teach the younger generation to use electronics responsibly by managing their time.

"In my generation, I didn't get a phone until graduation," said Jasmine Bravo, an Inter-Cultural Center student leader.

"We need to teach younger generations how to communicate with each other and not through technology," she said.

Sea slugs use color to hide from predators

By Jenn S. Tran  
Staff Reporter

A nudibranch is a special creature, and member of the Nudibranchia, a species of aquatic slugs, a Highline instructor told last week's Science Seminar.

Nudibranchs are split into different suborders; including one that is basically a catch-all for species that can't be classified.

"What makes these nudibranchs special is their color," said Eugene Disney, the education programs coordinator for the Marine Science and Technology Center.

"Warning coloration tells predators don't eat me because I taste bad," he said.

Another one of the nudibranch's survival mechanisms is to take on the color of a food source so no one knows they are in hiding.

The MaST Center has been studying this species and recording data the last six months.

The purpose of this data is to record temporal and seasonal variations in nudibranch species in open-flow aquaria. It is also to discover trends in seasonality and allow the public to use this information, he said. Since the species is rare, the accuracy of the information will increase as more data is collected.

Disney encourages the public to stop by the MaST Center and volunteer to help with the data collection.

The next Science Seminar will be May 15 on Where Mathematics Comes From, presented by math professor Dusty Wilson from 1:30-2:40 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

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King County Councilman Dave Upthegrove (center) was among those who attended the light rail hearing to give public comment.

## Hearing

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draft environmental impact statement on April 10. It explains many of the alternate routes and the possible displacements that may come from the various routes.

Fifteen possible routes were

outlined in the draft EIS and the three preferred alternatives have been taken under consideration as part of Sound Transit's public comment period.

Depending on which route is chosen, the project will cost \$1.4 to \$1.9 billion. To put the cost of the project into perspective, the cheapest project is expensive enough to pay for the entirety of Highline's yearly

budget for 35 years.

Highline students, members of Student Government, Dr. James Peyton, professor of economics at the college, and Dr. Jack Bermingham, president of the college, backed the Pacific Highway alternative during the hearing.

One of the most important benefits of the project is the residential and economic growth that it will promote, Dr. Peyton said. The more expensive Pacific Highway route has the most potential for residential and economic development, while the cheapest possible route along I-5 has the lowest ridership and development potential, he said.

The Pacific Highway route has 119 acres of land with development potential, while the I-5 route has 76 acres of development land potential.

In a resolution passed on May 5, Student Government stated that they would request the station be built on the west side of Pacific Highway, or in the case that the alternative is not possible, then it should be built as

close to Highline as possible.

Giving students access to closer public transportation is the ultimate reason for passing the resolution, said Laura Yanez, Student Government president.

The Highline Board of Trustees met Thursday morning and they determined that they are not ready to offer a formal opinion, however they would like the light rail to be as close to Highline as possible, Dr. Bermingham said.

It is important to service disadvantaged people, he said.

"To put the station farther from [Highline] is to further disadvantage these populations," Dr. Bermingham said.

Several students stood before representatives from Sound Transit and voiced opinions, which mirrored the previous sentiments.

The City of Kent backs the route that comes down I-5 and swings over to Pacific Highway near Highline and then swings back to I-5 for reasons of cost, development and safety.

"We are a no to the 99, we are a yes to the I-5 alignment

with the caveat that an elevated walkway be crated over the gap east of 99 and west of 30th," a representative for Kent said during Thursday's meeting.

According to a letter from the City of Kent to the Sound Transit Board of Trustees, the city is "keenly interested in having the station be elevated to reduce conflicts with pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists."

Many business owners spoke up against the Pacific Highway alignment, claiming that it would hurt their income or in some cases ruin them.

Pacific Highway homeowners claimed that they were unsure what they would do once the light rail displaces them despite Sound Transit's arrangements to help reimburse and relocate affected citizens.

There is no fact behind the belief that maximum development is needed around each station said Dave Kaplan, mayor of Des Moines.

"There is probably not a perfect alternative," Sound Transit Development Manager Cathal Ridge said.

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per-apprenticeships, work-study, internships, career exploration and development of a career pathway, and the integration of vocational skills and employability skills with on-the-job-training, community

jobs, transitional jobs, and employer engagement.

The Department of Social and Health Services will partner with community and technical colleges such as Highline, community-based organizations and the Work Force Development Council. Currently, 32 community-based organizations and colleges have requested to provide services for the

pilot project.

Participants will receive work-based learning and/or case management either through community organizations, college or a combination of both, in addition to current BFET services, which include: soft skills training; vocational case management and coaching; career navigation; service coordination; navigation of financial and aca-

ademic resources; job readiness; job search; and retention /advancement services.

USDA Undersecretary Kevin Concannon announced the award and project at Highline on March 24.

"Highline was chosen because of its current partnership in BFET as well as student progress and successful outcomes," said Howard.

Highline Interim Workforce Education Services Program Manager Loyal Allen said that he does not know if Highline will be part of the program, but his office is applying to participate. He said the project is very new and not much is known about it other than it is set to begin in October.

"It's all being developed," said Allen.

## Food

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for proposal, allowing companies like Chartwells to offer their services.

"We will be issuing an RFP next week for a new food services provider," Bean said.

Once the proposals are received. Bean and Pham will put together a committee consisting of faculty, administration, student and student services representatives to make the ultimate decision on who the college's next vendor will be.

That way, every part of Highline has a say in who will provide food services, they said.

If no provider is hired before July 31, the college has plans to bridge the two-week summer session gap without a vendor.

Light snacks will be brought in and student workers will run the concessions, Pham said.

As for Chartwells' replacement, Bean and Pham say they are putting a lot of thought into what company will be best for catering to culinary preferences of Highline's diverse campus. They are also focused on keeping prices affordable for the average college student.

"We are looking for a vendor that understands the unique culture of our campus as well as offering affordable prices," Bean said.

Bean and Pham, along with many others, said they were taken by surprise with the termination, but they remain upbeat.

"It's challenging with the timeline, but we look at this as an opportunity. Change is a good thing," Bean said.

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