

Get your pumpkin spice latte raw



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Pumpkins are ready to get carved and cooked at Carpinito Brothers farm. Read more about spooky happenings on Page 6.

Get more bang for your buck as budget decreases tuition

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

Highline students are enjoying a 5 percent tuition cut thanks to efforts by the Legisla-

ture, though it comes at the cost of financial aid for low-income students.

The Legislature's 2015-2017 state budget also included a 3 percent cost-of-living salary in-

crease for state employees.

The Legislature met for nearly six months before hammering out a \$38.2 billion two-year

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Faulty computer system comes to Highline fall 2017

By Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

Highline will be adopting a new computer system that caused 11,000 students at Tacoma Community College to not receive financial aid this fall.

The new system is in a test phase in Spokane and Tacoma community colleges and both are undergoing related problems and delays.

Tacoma and Spokane ran into glitches that caused problems like registering for class, getting financial aid packages approved, and getting money applied to tuition during the Fall Quarter of 2015.

Tacoma changed over to a new computer system called CTC that replaced their 30-year-old system.

The Associated Press reported that CTC is a \$100 million computer system designed to improve record keeping at Washington's community col-

leges.

The Community Colleges of Spokane has spent at least \$1.3 million in extra staff costs to get it up and running, the Associated Press reported.

Tacoma is one of the 34 schools in Washington that is will receive this new system.

Because of the issues, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has postponed implementing the new system by a year for all 34 community and technical colleges, said the Associated Press.

"The system at Tacoma didn't crash per se. The Financial Aid issue was due to a problem in the communication between the system and a third-party vendor Tacoma uses for aid disbursement called Higher One," said Tim Wyre, executive director of information and technology services at Highline.

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Boardwalk construction plan stays afloat after financing delays

By Karina Abramchuk
Staff Reporter

The long-awaited Redondo boardwalk reconstruction is almost ready to begin.

The city is hoping for the project to begin early 2016.

The boardwalk is scheduled to re-open to the public in summer 2016.

A strong storm destroyed much of the Redondo Beach boardwalk in November 2014. Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center and the neighboring restaurant, Salty's, suffered minor building damages.

Following a prolonged ef-

fort to find financing, Andrew Merges, a City of Des Moines transportation engineer, said that the city is well on its way to reconstructing the structure.

The entire project will cost approximately \$4.4 million and the City has secured about \$3.7 million so far. The remaining amount is secured, but not released at this time.

About \$1.45 million is coming from the Washington Department of Commerce, \$2.4 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and approximately \$360,000 is coming from the Transportation Improvement Board.

Merges said that there should not be a problem with the funding. The whole \$4.6 million is expected to be available for the project.

"We're pretty confident about our funding," he said. "When the obligation comes, we will have it."

Currently, the project is in the process of applying for permits that will allow construction equipment to operate in the area.

The reconstruction will begin as soon as authorization for construction equipment is received and the bid for a contractor is advertised and awarded.



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

The Redondo boardwalk has been closed since a storm destroyed it in November 2014.

The adjacent two-way road, Redondo Beach Drive, will have work zone closures and two-lane to one-lane traffic restric-

tions during construction.

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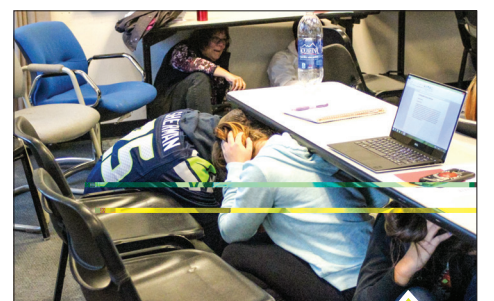
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Public Safety urges caution after rash of auto accidents

By Paul King-Sanchez
Staff Reporter

Highline parking lots have witnessed four hit-and-run accidents and multiple fender-benders in the first two weeks of Fall Quarter.

Public Safety officials are warning students to be more cautious.

Highline students need to take their time and avoid driving recklessly in the parking lots. If they hit another vehicle, it's important that they make sure that they just don't leave without informing someone, said Public Safety Sgt. George Curtis.

"If you get into an accident with somebody, stop and tell someone. At least put your contact info on their door or window," he said. "Don't just hit their car and run off. If it happened to you, you would want someone to take responsibility."

He also advised students walking in the parking lots to be aware of their surroundings.

While hit-and-run accidents happen at different times, Sgt. Curtis said they happen most when students are rushing to find a spot to park.

"We tend to get a lot more vehicle accidents during Fall and Winter Quarters because so many people are competing for spaces," Sgt. Curtis said.

Aggressive man asked to leave

A man being overly aggressive in Building 4 was reported to Public Safety on Oct. 9.

A music instructor said a white male in his 30s wearing a blue baseball cap and silver crucifix necklace, was exhibiting aggressive behavior in the hallway.

Public Safety officers told the man to leave the building and he complied.

Gym, classroom get moistened

Highline's basketball coach reported flooding at the main door to Building 28 (the Pavilion) on Oct. 10.

When Public Safety officers arrived they were able to push the water toward the drains and use shovels to resolve the problem.

Respiratory faculty in Building 15 reported on Oct. 11 that the first floor had flooded from water coming in the northeast door. The faculty member stated that he would send a work order to Facilities.



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

Highline students decorate t-shirts on Wednesday to show support for victims of domestic violence.



News Briefs

Clothesline project continues today

Paint a t-shirt in honor of victims of domestic violence today during the Clothesline Project, hosted by Woman's Programs.

This event began yesterday and continues today at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Woman's Programs office in Building 6.

The project is open to students, faculty and staff.

ICC explores men's 'battlefield'

The Inter-cultural Center is hosting their first Men of Vision event, an interactive dialog titled "Masculinity is a Battlefield" today at 1:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 204. The discussion will focus on the internal struggles men face in society.

Math workshops may equal success

Highline is offering more options for students to brush-up on their skills for math placement.

Redesigned face-to-face math workshops will now be offered Mondays through Thursdays in Building 30, room 311.

The workshops will be held on Mondays at 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.; Tuesdays at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.; Wednesdays 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.; and on Thursdays at 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

A brand new, free online course called Prep for College

Math, intended for students not able to make it to in person-workshops, is in the pilot stage.

Students interested in Prep for College Math should email Helen Burn at hburn@highline.edu.

Port CEO lands at Highline for talk

Port of Seattle CEO Ted Fick will speak on "Economic Growth through the Port of Seattle" on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. in Building 8.

The talk will explain the important role the Port of Seattle plays in the Pacific Northwest and the Port's plan to generate economic growth for this region over the next 25 years.

Listen: Authors share their work

Authors Debby Bacharach and Allison Green will be reading from their books at 10 a.m. on Oct. 21 in Building 2.

A free writing workshop will be held after the reading at 11 a.m. in the same location.

Books from the two readers will be available to purchase at the event.

These events are the first in a series of Highline Listens events. This series is sponsored by Student Programs and the English Department.

Resume career with strong resumé

Alumni Relations will be hosting a resumé workshop Oct. 21 in Building 8. This first event, hosted alongside representatives from Weyerhaeuser is titled the "Weyerhaeuser Resumé Workshop and Informa-

tion Session" will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will receive career, interview and resumé advice, and hear about opportunities at Weyerhaeuser.

This event is free and open to students and alumni

Transfer Center plans workshops

The Transfer Center will be hosting two workshops on Oct. 22 and the Fall College Transfer Fair on Oct. 28.

At noon the How to Prepare for a Competitive Major (Transfer) workshop will be held in Building 6, room 164. The workshop focuses on students intending to transfer to a university with a science, technology, engineering, mathematics, (STEM) or medical major.

A Personal Statement Workshop will occur at 1 p.m. in Building 26, room 319.

This workshop will show

how to write a well-organized personal statement outlining their goals, achievements, leadership skills and more.

The Fall College Transfer Fair will take place at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Building 8.

The fair will include representatives from more than twenty four-year colleges and universities, who will be available to answer questions from students.

Fall into a new career at job fair

Highline will be hosting a Fall Job Fair at 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Oct. 27.

The fair will be held in Building 8.

Students should dress appropriately for meeting with recruiters from more than 60 local employers who will be attending.

Employers at the fair will range from ADT to QFC.

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For a list of schools in attendance go to: <http://transfercenter.highline.edu/transferfaircalendar.php>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015
10:00 AM -1:00 PM (stop by anytime)
Highline Student Union, Building 8, first floor



Olivia Jollimore/THUNDERWORD

Construction workers work to get ready for pouring concrete for the Building 24A project. The building will house maintenance and grounds crews and equipment.

Campus gets a facelift over vacation

By Bryce Sizemore and Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

A lot of construction occurred on campus over the summer, much of it on utilities.

From restriping the parking lots, to renovations in Buildings 16 and 23, a variety of construction has occurred at Highline in recent months.

More than \$1 million has been spent on heating and power improvements.

"We have a lot of stuff going

on," said Barry Holldorf, director of the Facilities Department.

A lot of upkeep work goes into keeping a 51-year-old campus running at peak condition, said Holldorf.

These upkeep projects include projects such as re-caulking leaky windows and roof repairs on several Highline buildings.

In addition to planned projects, the Facilities Department has had to deal with unexpected occurrences, such as flooding and setting up for a new food vendor on campus.

A major current project is the renovation of Building 24A. Building 24A is located near the North Lot and houses maintenance and grounds staff and equipment.

The renovations include demolishing the north half of 24A and replacing that half with a two-story metal structure. The Project will replace the facade of the old building to match the look of the new building. The renovation is projected to cost \$2.5 million.

Staff and faculty parking in the

North Lot will be closed on Oct. 19-23 due to sewer construction.

The closure will temporarily eliminate more than 40 stalls.

The closure will be to accommodate trenching and pipe laying for the sewer connection for the Building 24A project.

This barrier will close off all vehicle and pedestrian traffic, impacting pedestrians, delivery truck access to Building 8 for food, and Bookstore deliveries.

There will be detour signs to lessen the confusion, however, Karen Herndon, project manag-

er of facilities, encourages people to drive slowly in these areas.

"Please watch out for contractors, construction vehicles, confused drivers, and pedestrians so patience is appreciated," Herndon said.

Looking into the future, the Facilities Department is preparing for the major remodeling of Building 26 and replacement of Buildings 5 and 11. These projects have been in the works for two years, when Highline requested funding for them in the capital budget.

If you don't eat meat, you can still have vegan pudding

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Heather Bolint says people should eat less meat.

Bolint, The Humane League Seattle director, was on campus last Thursday passing out leaflets to students that promote a vegan lifestyle.

The leaflets share others stories about going vegan, and suggests food tips to start the vegan process.

It also contains photos purporting to show the conditions of factory farm animals. The pictures show male chicks being dropped into a grinder, and animals in cages so small -- according to the leaflet -- they can't even turn around.

"A lot of people are shocked by the photos -- it's hard for people to look at them because it's a reminder of what's happening on most of the farms in this country," said Bolint.

"Ninety-nine percent of the animal products we consume come from those types of conditions."

The Humane League was founded in Philadelphia, and has locations stretching across the U.S. Its mission, according to its website is "to save the lives of as many animals as possible" and reduce animal cruelty.

The non-profit regularly visits 30 different colleges and universities around Western Washington -- from as far north as Bellingham, to as far south as Olympia -- to raise awareness of animal cruelty and factory farming conditions, Bolint said.

"At some schools the students are a little more antagonistic towards our information, where they don't even want to take anything," she said. "Highline students are pretty receptive and open to the information so we enjoy going there."

The organization also offers free humane education presen-



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

Heather Bolint from The Humane League Seattle, hands out fliers promoting a vegan lifestyle.

tations at high schools, national campaigns such as "cage-free egg campaigns," and "restaurant outreaches" to promote awareness in businesses.

Bolint said restaurants are hesitant to switch at first, but with so many people becoming more aware of the products they consume, many are making the

switch.

"Even McDonald's recently made the commitment to switch to cage-free eggs by 2020, so with other companies making the switch it puts more pressure on the ones that haven't," she said.

While the non-profit mainly promotes a vegan lifestyle to

the public, it doesn't have to be all or nothing, said Bolint, but -- hopefully -- a step in the right direction.

"There's a lot of different steps, either changing your purchasing behaviors, Meatless Mondays, or reducing a day a week -- or just being vegan before 6 p.m.," she said. "It's better for the animals, for the planet, and your health."

Even if people aren't willing to go meat free, being more conscientious, and choosing local farms can make a huge difference, she said.

For more information on the organization, you can visit its website at: thehumaneleague.com.

Or if you're passionate about animals rights Bolint said you can get involved by emailing info@thehumaneleague.com, or by visiting its Seattle Facebook page.

"We're always looking for volunteers and interns," she said.

Sound Transit on wrong track with Highline station

As we near the end of the line, Highline can only hope for the best with the upcoming Light Rail station decision.

In the end, Sound Transit must decide exactly where they want to put the Kent-Des Moines station for the Light Rail that will connect the Federal Way Transit Center with the Angle Lake Station.

Currently, Sound Transit is deciding between placing the stop on Pacific Highway South and South 236th Lane next to campus, or at 30th Avenue South and South 236th Lane, a quarter mile away from campus.

Having the station next to the school would help immensely with student transportation and safety.

In the morning, parking at Highline is a living hell. With significantly less parking spots than enrolled students, it can be near impossible to find a spot before your class begins.

However, a Light Rail station near the school will reduce the number of students driving to school, and thereby increase the likelihood of finding parking at Highline for those who need to drive.

Another reason why the station should be near Highline is for student safety. Although a half mile isn't too terribly far, it's not safe for students with afternoon and evening classes.

Des Moines is a hot spot for crime and prostitution, and that can lead to some dangerous streets after dark. However, a Light Rail station on Pacific Highway would result in better lighting, and a safer environment for people walking near the school.

Also, if the Light Rail station stopped on Pacific Highway, it would generate more business in the area due to an increase in foot traffic.

If the station is placed along 30th Avenue, Sound Transit is discussing implementing an additional bus route to connect the station to Highline.

This doesn't make sense because it would cost more in tax dollars and for students to keep an additional unnecessary bus route running, than to streamline to the college in the first place.

Sound Transit will make a decision regarding the station location in 2017 and 2018, and plan to finish the Light Rail by 2023.

If you feel strongly about the placement of the Light Rail station, and wish to speak with someone regarding your concerns, you can call Sound Transit at (888) 889-6368 ext. 711 or e-mail them at main@soundtransit.org.

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!

Embrace your differences with Disability Awareness Month

Guest Commentary



Sam McCullough

Being born prematurely meant my life already had an interesting start.

But not being able to speak properly wasn't something my family expected.

When I was about 2, I had ear infection after ear infection.

The pain was excruciating and my head felt like it was being held underwater. Even worse, I couldn't hear a thing.

Countless trips to the doctor's office and multiple rounds of antibiotics made the infections go away.

But not being able to hear for those short few months had long-term affects.

Not being able to hear made me hear garbled gibberish. So, when I started to speak, I spoke garbled gibberish. No one could understand me.

I had a speech impediment.

Starting when I was 3, I took speech therapy. What seemed like games to me were actually exercises to help me learn the sounds I needed to speak clearly.

I would say s-sounds in rapid succession, such as snakes, special, smart, small and sparkle.

Then I would move onto all the other sounds, saying words like race, jewels, animal, noodle and march.

Before I knew it, my grandma would pick me up and speech therapy was over for the day.

When I started school, I would leave class early once a week to meet with the speech therapist down in the basement of Des Moines Elementary.

The rudimentary routine of practicing sounds burned into my brain like clockwork and, without me noticing, I was eventually able to say all the sounds without difficulty.

I graduated from speech therapy when I was 11.

My classmates weren't mean about it, but they didn't understand it. Sometimes they would get mad at me when I couldn't pronounce a word, even when I repeated myself five times.

Even to this day, I have trouble with some words. Some sounds just get jumbled in my head and I have trouble pronouncing "thief" when talking to my mom about what's on the crime blotter for the paper this week.

But I take it in stride.

Technically, my speech impediment is considered a disability.

That's one reason why I think Disability Awareness Month is so important.

It's a chance for people to learn about and to understand disabilities.

Anybody can have a disability. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean they don't have to live with it.

Also, it's a chance for people who live with disabilities to tell their stories and to tell how they feel.

On Oct. 21, student Devon Adelman will be telling his story in a presentation called "Beating the Odds: My Journey to Higher Education," from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8.

Then, on Oct. 26, Michael Richardson, director of the Northwest Americans with

Disabilities Act Center, will be talking about the history of the ADA from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 8.

Lastly, the month will close out with a rally hosted by Highline's unified sports soccer team and the sports outreach program. The rally is Oct. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Building 8.

These events can more openly show you how people with disabilities live than what you might see on a day-to-day basis.

Something you won't see in your daily interactions is how people with disabilities view the world.

People on the autistic spectrum view the world in a more structured sense than people not on the spectrum.

With different worldviews, there can be a little confusion in interactions, which can cause frustrations.

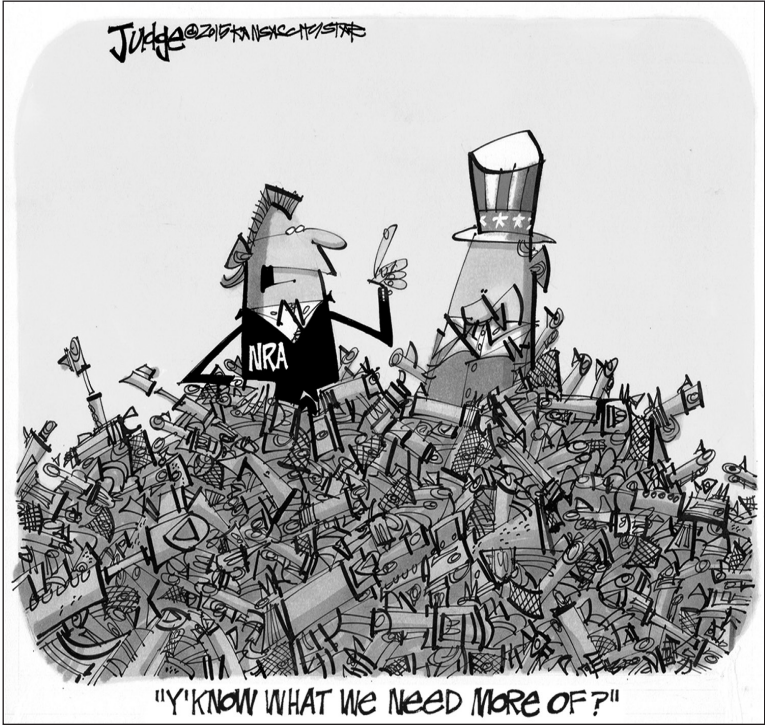
Remember to be patient. Chances are the person is as frustrated as you are.

When I would have to repeat a word multiple times to talk with my friend, I would get mad at myself.

But my friend was patient and, in turn, I was patient with myself.

One of the most important things a person with a disability needs is a good support system to help them during the hard times because a disability won't just go away.

And if you stick by their side, maybe you'll learn how to look at the world their way.



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•International Student Programs will be hosting a Halloween bash open to all students. The party will take place in Building 8 from 7 until 11 p.m. There is no cost for entrance. Events include games, a haunted house, a costume competition a photo booth and lots of dancing. The party will be hospital themed.

•Organist Nathan Jensen will accompany a screening of the original 1925 silent film version of *The Phantom of the Opera*. This performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Kent Lutheran Church, 336 2nd Ave. S., Kent. Tickets are available for \$12.50 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2145664.

•Steve the Pretty Good Magician will perform for audiences in The Auburn Avenue Theatre on Oct. 24. Steve blends comedy and magic in his 90 minute long performances. The theatre is located at 10 Auburn Ave. in Auburn. Tickets will cost \$8 and can be found at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/754198>.

•The third annual Arts of Love Craft Fair will be located at the Hillside Church on 930 E. James St. in Kent. The fair will take place on Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vendors will be selling needlework, beadwork, and woodwork among other crafts. Lunch, snacks and coffee will be sold during the day. If you have questions about the fair you can contact a representative of Candlewick Works at their website, www.etsy.com/shop/CandlewickWorks.

•The Music Department has procured tickets for students to attend Tacoma Opera on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. The venue is the historic Rialto Theatre, located at 11th Street and Broadway in Tacoma. Students will see the final dress rehearsal of Mozart's finest opera, *Don Giovanni*, the quintessential Don Juan of Spanish renown. Students may come to see Dr. Sandra Glover in Building 4, room 103, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., to receive a complimentary ticket, until all tickets have been disbursed. Students must present their student I.D. to receive a ticket.

•They're creepy and they're kooky, and *The Addams Family* arrived at Burien Actors Theatre last week for a month-long run. *The Addams Family* will run until Nov. 1 and include a Halloween show. This show is aimed at all audiences, and should be appropriate for children. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$17 for seniors. They are available online at burienlittletheatre.org. Burien Actors Theatre is at 14501 Fourth Ave. S.W.

Indigenous artist paints the town

By Edward Vega
Staff Reporter

One doesn't need fancy equipment or special materials to make great art. Sometimes the medium can be just what is found lying around.

Andrew Morrison, street artist, muralist, and noted local artist visited Highline on Oct. 12 to share his journey from spray-painting on the streets of Seattle, to ending up on the front page of *The Seattle Times*.

Having family from the Hydaburg fishing tribe in Alaska, Morrison began drawing sketches at the age of 14 of Native American leaders and tribes. An art teacher took notice that he had a gift.

"One of my art teachers noticed I had a talent," Morrison said. "She sat me down and showed me a little bit of the fundamentals as to how to put things together and how to really formulate my thoughts and take a concept and put it on to paper and develop the sketch and follow through with it."

With the help of teachers his sketches were entered into art competitions and began to win awards.

"I started to take the artwork a lot more serious," Morrison said. "I started focusing my energy and began painting and drawing basically as much as I could."

His work developed from small, canvas-sized paintings to murals the sizes of walls. His canvas has now expanded and he quickly made use of it.

At the time, Morrison was working in all black and white. As his father was a house



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD
Andrew Morrison shares his culture with the public through his artwork.

painter, Morrison made use of what he had when painting his parents' home with a mural of chiefs and members of local tribes.

"My dad always had extra paint laying around and that's basically how I got my start at painting it," he said.

Morrison encourages people to do what they love no matter what, even if they don't have the best resources around.

"The most simple materials can be manifested and grown into something very complex," Andrew said.

"You don't have to have the most expensive paint, the most expensive canvas, the most ex-

pensive tools, the most expensive computer or resources," he said.

By practicing that, Morrison one day in 2003 painted murals along the walls at Wilson-Pacific elementary in Seattle, a school known for its Native American culture, heritage and students.

"I painted eight murals over the course of 12 years every summer or every other summer. I painted one more until I finally painted eight and I am very proud of them," Morrison said.

But he began to receive complaints by Seattle Public Schools that his murals needed to be taken down.

"Seattle Public Schools shut down the Indian heritage high school, and said: 'We are going to bulldoze your murals.' They did it in a very disrespectful way," he said.

"I had to fight and advocate my opinion not only to Seattle Public Schools but to the City of Seattle for a whole year as of why it would be a desecration to destroy these images of our great warrior chiefs and that it would be sacrilegious and going against religious spiritual ways of expressing ourselves and our culture," Morrison said.

The *Seattle Times* covered the story and the public became aware of his plight.

"And then finally the city of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools agreed to preserve these murals," Morrison said.

"After a year of fighting to keep these murals, they actually hired me. One day I basically got a letter in the mail saying, 'You know what Andrew, we heard your story, we heard your testimony. We're tired of going against you, will you work for us?' And so I said yes and now I am an employee of Seattle Public Schools," Morrison said.

Seattle Public Schools told Morrison that it will be moving the murals to another school that they will be re-building in 2017.

Despite the long process, Morrison said, "That fight was worth it, I stood my ground and came out on top."

"Really do your best to follow your dreams and your passions. Do what you want to do not, what other people want you to do. I was able to do it," Morrison said.

Local authors host writing workshop

By Michael Muench
Staff Reporter

Students will be able to attend an on-campus and upcoming reading by two Washington based authors, Allison Green and Debby Bacharach, which will be followed by a writing workshop.

Allison Green, who is an English professor at Highline, will read from her memoir *The Ghosts Who Travel With Me*.

Green's memoir was written during and about a journey that she embarked on in order to follow along with Richard Brautigan's own journey that he wrote about in his most fa-

mous work, *Trout Fishing in America*.

Thematically the story revolves around ancestry, individuality and the effects that history and writer's voices have on one's individuality.

"I want to have a conversation with the reader," Green said about her work.

Debby Bacharach is a Washington-based author who has been writing since childhood and will read from her anthology of poems titled *After I Stop Lying*.

Most of her work revolves around the lives of women.

She has published one book, around 100 poems and about 10 essays. Bacharach is currently working on a new



Allison Green

book based on the prominent women from the *Book of Genesis*.

The reading will take place on Oct. 2 in Building 2 at 10 a.m.

The writing workshop will take place right after the reading at 11 a.m. It will be run by Debby Bacharach and the topic of discussion will be what she calls "backpack words," or words in a poem or work which can be unpacked and expanded upon in order to bring life to the piece.

"Every student has a story that they can tell," Green said. "We all have interesting stories to tell about the times we were born into."

Plenty of opportunities to get your inner ghoul on

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ocal Halloween themed events this month range from pumpkin patches to a trip to the hospital. It's the Halloween season and that means it's time to take your friends and family to all the haunted houses, pumpkin patches and costume parties that you can. Here are some local events that you won't want to miss.

International Student Programs will host a Halloween bash open to all students. The party will take place in Building 8 from 7 until 11 p.m. There is no cost for entrance.

Events include games, a haunted house, a costume competition, a photobooth and lots of dancing. "This year the theme is hospital," said Michael Ng, a staff member for International Student Programs. So be sure to bring your best doctor costume.

Mount Rainier Pool will host its second annual Pumpkin Plunge on Sunday, Oct. 25 where kids young and old can swim with pumpkins before taking one home to carve.

The event will begin at 1 p.m., when the pool is filled with pumpkins for all the bobbing enthusiasts.

Everyone participating will go home with trick or treat goodies and their pumpkins.

Due to the Plunge's popularity, a second session beginning at 3 p.m. has been added.

Admission is \$5 per person in the water. All children younger than 7 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Pre-registration at the pool is required.

"It's an inexpensive event parents can come to and have fun in the water with their kids," said lifeguard Janice Huynh. The pool is at 22722 19th Ave. S.

Maris Farms began in 1997 as a 10-acre pumpkin patch and dairy plot. Today it harvests a whole lot of screams as Maris Farms Haunted Woods. The Haunted Woods venue includes 50 actors and several staged sets with special effects.

The farm has grown into a 40-acre lot including a corn maze, live duck races, and zip lining. Toss in pedal cart tracks, 60 tube slides, monster truck rides, bubble soccer, mechanical bull rides, trout fishing, paintball, hayrides, a kids courtyard, and visitors can harvest a whole lot of fun.

"We wanted to create an experience with value," said Steve Templeman, spokesman for Maris Farms.

Maris Farms is at 25001 Sumner-Buckley Highway in Buckley. General admission tickets are available for \$14 online at marisfarms.ticketleap.com. Rainy day promotions reduce fees up to \$2 per person.

Discounts on Groupon and Get My Perks are available, as well as rain checks given to return another day. Maris Farms is open Monday – Friday 1-6 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Carpinito Brothers Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Kent is open daily all throughout October and includes family friendly attractions such as rubber duck races, tricycle races, a children's corn maze, hayrides and more.

The patch can be found at 6868 S. 277th St. in Kent. Adults will pay \$9 to enter but can receive \$1 off if they print out a flyer for the pumpkin patch on their website: <https://www.valpak.com/coupons/printable/carpinito-brothers-inc/49430>.

The Dia de los Muertos festivities at the Seattle Center Armory on both Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. will explore one Mexico's most significant traditional and cultural celebrations.

Attendees will be able to learn about and experience the Day of the Dead through traditional artwork, live dancing, food, music, face painting, detailed cultural rituals and more throughout both days.

Harvest Fest is a family friendly series of autumnal themed events spanning several locations and dates around Tacoma.

Admission is free to all of the events, which will be held tomorrow, Oct. 16 at the Center at Norpoint at 4818 Nassau Ave. N.E. in Northeast Tacoma. It will last from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

The following event will take place on Oct. 23 at Portland Avenue Community Center at 3513 Portland Ave. E. on Tacoma's Eastside. It will last from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

The final events will take place on Oct. 30 at the STAR center at 3873 S. 66th St. in South Tacoma. It will last from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. and at the Peoples Community Center at 1602 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Tacoma's Hilltop District, which will last from 6 until 9 p.m. Events range from face painting and pumpkin carving to carnival games and more.

Reporters Michael Muench, Zhajied Greene and EB Hutchinson contributed to this story.



Local Halloween events include Mount Rainier Pool's Pumpkin Plunge, Carpinito Bros. Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze and Maris Farms' Haunted Woods.

Men tame Tacoma, reclaim first place



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD
Jandjamuje Maharero takes control of the ball amid a driving rain in Saturday's game against Tacoma as teammate Tyler John follows the play. Highline won to recapture first place in the NWAC West.

Thunderbirds' success earns West Coast, national rankings

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The winning-streak continues for the Highline men's soccer team as it beat Pierce 3-1 on Oct. 7 and avenged an earlier loss to Tacoma with a 2-0 victory on Oct. 10.

The Tacoma game was a battle for the league leadership.

"Going into the [Tacoma] game, I wanted to win and earn back our first place," said sophomore Alex Castillo. "That was really the mentality of the whole team."

No goals were scored in the first half and the extreme weather might have been to blame. The players, coaches and fans endured heavy rains, intense winds and brisk temperatures.

"It rained as hard as you've ever seen it and the wind was gusting," said Highline Head Coach Steve Mohn.

The players were highly impacted by the storm.

"The first half was rough because of the weather, everyone was a little off and we were sliding on our feet," Castillo said. "Everyone needed to focus and put in more effort with our touch on the ball."

In the second half, the weather calmed down and Castillo amped up his performance. Castillo put the T-Birds in the lead with a goal in the 53rd minute, assisted by freshman Christian Soto-Gonzalez.

Castillo scored his final goal in the 64th minute, with an assist by sophomore Alvaro Osornio. These were Castillo's first goals of the season.

"I feel like there's more team chemistry and we move the ball around better this year," said Castillo. "We've made more goals overall this season and our defense has really stepped it up."

Highline has won six shutout games this season, thanks to the Thunderbirds' defense and sophomore goalkeeper Grayson Raffensperger.

Raffensperger is ranked second overall in the NWAC with five shutout games this season.

During the game against Pierce, the Thunderbirds started off strong with Osornio scoring in the second minute of the first half, assisted by Soto-Gonzalez.

Osornio returned the favor in the second half, assisting a goal by Soto-Gonzalez in the 57th minute.

Immediately after, Highline freshman Adama Kante scored in the 58th minute, with help from an assist by freshman Sunny Singh.

"We played very well in the second half and kept a good amount of possession of the ball," said Coach Mohn.

Highline gave up one goal to Pierce in the 81st minute. This is only the seventh goal Highline has allowed the entire season.

Because of these big wins, the T-Birds record has improved to 6-1-0 for the league, a two-point lead over Tacoma, and 8-1-1 overall for the season.

The defending NWAC champions are ranked 16th in the nation and ranked No. 1 on the West Coast in the Junior College Division I.

"The recognition is always nice as a coach and is something the players always appreciate. We definitely wouldn't be where we are without all the hard work of every player on the team," said Coach Mohn.

"But with that being said, we are still building towards our goals of repeating as Western Division Champions and our ultimate goal of winning another NWAC Championship," he said.

"We've got five regular season games left and want to make sure we keep getting better game by game so we can peak during the playoffs to make another title run," said Coach Mohn.

Next up for the T-Birds is an away game against South Puget Sound on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:15 p.m.

Lady T-Birds lose focus in loss to Lower Columbia

By Tiffany Thompson
Staff Reporter

Lower Columbia ended Highline volleyball team's winning streak on Oct. 7.

The loss snapped the Lady T-Birds winning streak of 11 consecutive match wins.

Highline lost in the fourth

set 25-23, 19-25, 25-16, 25-8 against the Red Devils.

With a season record of 23-3 and 4-1 in the league, the team is not going to let this loss effect them in the up coming tournament in Oregon, one player said.

Susan Timofeyev, right side hitter, said team players seemed like they played more for them-

selves than each other.

"We could have gotten more excited for each other," Timofeyev said

"We played more like individuals than a team," said Katelynn Fullmer, setter, who provided 15 sets during the game.

"They had a fast offense, which threw us off," said Full-

mer.

"We broke down and it seemed like we lost hope," said Fullmer.

"In the end we just gave up," she said.

Head Coach Chris Littleman said, "In the end we just didn't show up."

This Friday and Saturday

Oct. 16-17 the team will travel to Salem, Ore. for the Chemeketa Community College Cross-over Tournament.

The Lady T-Birds took on Grays Harbor last night, but results were not available at press time.

Highline has an away game against Tacoma Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.



Highline’s Nikole Cruz controls the ball against Tacoma last Saturday.

Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD

Women’s soccer hangs onto first place

By Charles Prater
Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team remains undefeated in league play following wins against Pierce and Tacoma.

Highline, 7-0-0 (11-2-1 overall), defeated their division rivals last week to hold the top spot in West.

Last Wednesday’s game against Pierce was a stalemate in the first half, but the T-Birds got it going in the second half scoring three goals to win 3-0.

“All we talked about at halftime was deciding whether we wanted to be better players and a better team in the final half,” said Highline Head Coach Tom Moore.

“We were dominating the game, but not the score.”

Sophomore Analise Miller-Wells scored the first two goals for Highline at the 53rd and 62nd minute-mark, with both of the scores assisted by freshman Arianna Florillo.

The final goal came at the 68th minute-mark from sophomore Madison Gale.

“This is the type of team we have,” Moore said. “We wear you down and then eventually take over the game scoring goals.”

The next game for the T-Birds was a home game on Saturday against the Tacoma Titans.

Highline played the Titans, 4-3-1 (6-7-2 overall), back in September and beat them 4-1. This game was a little closer as the T-Birds won 2-1.

Both teams played a very good defensive game, with the ball movement going back and forth on each opponent’s side of the field.

Tacoma struggled getting the ball in scoring position and with on-target shots against Highline.

Coming out of halftime, the T-Birds didn’t take long to put the first points on the board as sophomore Nikole Cruz kicked things off scoring at the 51st minute.

After Cruz’s score, the game started to look a lot like the first half with both

teams trading possessions constantly.

With less than 10 minutes left, Analise Miller-Wells tried to put the Titans away, scoring a goal at the 86th minute.

Miller-Wells is eighth in the league in scoring with nine goals.

The Titans’ Emily Wilkins answered back with a goal, a minute after the T-Birds’ goal, to push Tacoma within one away from tying the game.

“The game plan was to keep the ball on their half of the field and keep possession or create very dangerous chances,” said Coach Moore.

“Also, to play very direct from the back so we didn’t have to worry about making a mistake that led to a goal.”

The Thunderbirds held true to that game plan, not allowing another goal in stoppage time to win the game.

“Unfortunately, and fortunately, we haven’t been in that situation much this year so we were slow about finishing out the game,” Moore said.

“The lack of information, potentially,

on how to finish the game was what led to the goal against us. It’s something we will continue to talk about as we get closer to the playoffs,” he said.

Highline has won nine in a row since losing two games back in the beginning of September.

The T-Birds will bring their talent on the road, as the next three match-ups are away games.

“I think those losses were good for us,” said Moore.

“They didn’t affect our playoff chances and it was a reminder that we can’t just rest on who we are or what we’ve done,” he said.

“It’s all about performing at game time.”

Highline played winless Grays Harbor at noon on Wednesday with results unavailable at press time.

Their next game after Wednesday is against Lower Columbia (1-6, 3-10-0) on Saturday, Oct. 17 at noon. Highline travels to Bellevue for a game Oct. 20.



Analise Miller-Wells keeps her cool leading the ball away from Tacoma.

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Scoreboard

Men’s soccer				
NORTH				
	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Peninsula	6-1-2	20	8-2-3	
Whatcom	6-1-2	20	7-2-2	
Shoreline	3-3-3	12	3-3-6	
Edmonds	3-4-2	11	3-6-3	
Skagit Valley	3-4-2	11	3-6-2	
Everett	0-8-1	1	0-10-1	
EAST				
Spokane	5-3-1	16	7-4-2	
ColumbiaBasin	5-4-0	15	6-5-1	
Walla Walla	3-2-2	11	5-4-2	
Treasure Valley	3-4-0	9	4-5-1	
North Idaho	2-4-1	7	5-6-1	
Wenatchee	2-4-1	7	4-4-1	
WEST				
Highline	6-1-0	18	8-1-1	
Tacoma	5-1-1	16	7-2-4	
Bellevue	3-3-0	9	5-4-1	
Pierce	2-4-1	7	3-6-2	
South Puget	0-7-0	0	0-8-1	
SOUTH				
Clark	6-1-1	19	7-3-2	
Portland	5-2-0	15	6-3-1	
SW Oregon	3-3-1	10	4-6-2	
Chemeketa	2-3-2	8	5-4-2	
Rogue	0-7-0	0	0-8-1	

Women’s soccer				
North				
	LEA	PTS	SEA	
Peninsula	8-1-0	24	13-1-0	
Everett	8-1-0	24	10-2-1	
Shoreline	4-4-1	13	6-5-2	
Edmonds	3-6-0	9	4-7-1	
Whatcom	3-6-0	9	4-7-0	
Skagit Valley	0-6-1	1	2-8-1	
EAST				
Spokane	7-0-0	21	10-0-1	
Treasure V.	4-3-1	13	7-6-1	
North Idaho	3-2-1	10	5-4-2	
Columbia Basin	3-3-1	10	5-5-2	
Walla Wala	3-3-1	10	4-5-3	
Yakima Valley	1-4-2	5	5-4-3	
Wenatchee	0-6-2	2	1-7-2	
WEST				
Highline	7-0-0	21	11-2-1	
Bellevue	6-1-0	18	8-2-1	
Tacoma	4-3-1	13	6-7-2	
Pierce	2-3-2	8	4-5-2	
Green River	2-4-1	7	2-6-3	
Lower Columbia	1-5-0	3	3-10-0	
Grays Harbor	0-6-0	0	0-10-0	
SOUTH				
Clark	6-0-2	20	9-0-3	
Lane	6-0-0	18	9-3-1	
Chemeketa	4-2-1	13	7-3-2	
Clackamas	3-3-1	10	3-6-3	
SW Oregon	3-5-0	9	3-8-1	
Portland	1-6-0	3	1-10-0	
Rogue	0-7-0	0	0-9-0	

Volleyball		
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	League	Season
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Highline	4-1	23-3
L. Columbia	4-2	13-10
Pierce	3-2	9-10
Grays Harbor	2-3	11-12
Centralia	1-4	4-13
Green River	0-5	4-17
NORTH		
Bellevue	5-0	15-9
Shoreline	4-1	18-5
Skagit Valley	4-2	13-10
Everett	2-3	8-6
Olympic	2-3	12-15
Whatcom	1-4	5-14
Edmonds	0-5	3-15

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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- LITERATURE:** In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Titania appear?
- TELEVISION:** What was the name of the oldest girl on *The Brady Bunch*?
- MUSIC:** What was singer Ozzy Osbourne's real first name?
- HISTORY:** What was the first country to allow women to vote?
- RELIGION:** What is generally considered to be the highest group in the Indian caste system?
- GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is the famous Olduvai Gorge located?
- SCIENCE:** What area of study is a lepidopterist concerned with?
- MOVIES:** What was the name of the princess in the

- 1959 Disney movie *Sleeping Beauty*?
- LEGAL:** What is an inquest?
 - ANATOMY:** How long does it take blood to circulate throughout your body?

Answers

1. A *Midsummer Night's Dream*
2. Marcia
3. John Michael
4. New Zealand
5. Brahmins, or religious leaders
6. Tanzania
7. Butterflies and moths
8. Princess Aurora
9. An inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death
10. About a minute

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Health resort
- Actor Lorenzo
- Massachusetts cape
- Paintings et al.
- Put into law
- Japanese sash
- Captain's subordinate
- Pal of Larry and Curly
- "— Got a Secret"
- Enlarged a hole
- 1964 Burton/O'Toole movie
- Indonesian island
- From — Z
- Pigpen
- French subway
- Addition results
- Hearing organ
- Ladder rung, e.g.
- Shout-out from the bleachers
- Small barrel
- Corrode
- Caspian feeder
- Cavalry

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- Actress Hagen
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- Fuss
- Pitch
- Wickerwork willow
- That girl
- Type measures
- Transmits
- Cut the grass
- Bening or Funicello
- Crazy
- Tart in tone or temper
- Rill
- Group of legislators
- Reed instrument
- Conked out
- "Ferd'-nand" cartoonist
- Pub orders
- Wild party
- Needle case
- Many subway riders
- Tibetan bovine
- Back
- Chooses
- Aching
- Picked up where you left off
- Former Philippine leader
- Crocs' kin
- Slack
- Cudgel
- Loathe
- Actress — Rachel Wood
- 60 secs.
- Doctrine
- Discoverer's call
- Fresh

DOWN

- Pouch
- In favor of
- \$ dispenser
- Fall fallers

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not



to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might

be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

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Federal Way city candidates push economic agendas

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

The six candidates for the Federal Way City Council emphasized economic development at two forums last Wednesday.

Councilwoman Dini Duclos is being challenged by P.K. Thumbi for Position 7. Councilwoman Duclos has been on the City Council since 2007.

Thumbi is on the Federal Way Parks and Recreation Commission and the Arts Commission.

Mark Koppang and Julie Hiller are both running for Position 5. Neither Koppang nor Hiller have served on the council before, but both are long-time community activists.

Councilwoman Lydia Assefa-Dawson has been on the City Council for 18 months. She was appointed to fill Mayor Jim Ferrell's vacant seat, Position 1. Her challenger is Mark Greene, a local resident.

At the forums, candidates emphasized the importance of attracting businesses to the Federal Way area, though they didn't fully agree on the how.

"Business is the backbone of our community," Councilwoman Duclos said. "Re-doing our downtown is the most important thing we can do right now."

Federal Way's downtown area is at South 320th street and Pacific Highway.

"I want to bring family-wage jobs to the city," Koppang said.

Greene said he wants to see Federal Way become a nexus for problem-solution oriented businesses.

The candidates also weighed in on the proposed Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center (PAEC), a project estimated to cost \$31.85 million. The project is one of several efforts by the city to grow its downtown core.

However, the project has faced some criticism due to its cost, and the lack of a public vote to pay for it.

"I have some concerns a lot of concerns over the PAEC," Thumbi said. He went on to say the project is a good for the community, but also that it should watched. He also said the public should have a say in large expenditures.

Hiller said basic expenditures should be first on the city's agenda, and that extravagances like the PAEC should have the people involved by way of a city vote.

Councilwoman Assefa-Daw-

son said that to subject the project to a vote would be devastating, and could set the project back a year.

She did not rule out a vote for future projects, however.

"In the future, I think maybe a different approach would be appropriate," Councilwoman Assefa-Dawson said.

Koppang said the project is going to happen by merit of it being so far along already, and that there is the potential for economic growth because of it.

"This is a business and we should expect it to be run like a business," he said.

The candidates weighed in on the Weyerhaeuser campus, which will be left vacant when the company moves its headquarters to Seattle in 2016.

The Weyerhaeuser campus is at 33663 Weyerhaeuser Way S. in Federal Way.

While the City Council doesn't have control over the fate of the property, the candidates have hopes for it.

"I would love to see it maintained," Councilwoman Assefa-Dawson said.

Hiller said she wants to see another world-class company move into the building.

Councilwoman Duclos expressed interest in a college opening a campus in Federal Way, and that the Weyerhaeuser campus would be a good location.

Highline had a branch campus in Federal Way until 2009, when it closed due to low enrollment and budget cuts.

Candidates display few disagreements concerning issues

By Adam Horner
Staff Reporter

Two candidates for the Legislature agree that education funding and economic development are important issues facing the state and Federal Way.

State Rep. Carol Gregory, D-Federal Way, is being challenged by Republican Teri Hickel.

Rep. Gregory was appointed to the seat following the death of Rep. Roger Freeman. She has been in office since Jan. 12, 2015. She is also member of the Federal Way School Board.

Hickel is the former executive director of Advancing Leadership, a Federal Way-based organization that provides job-oriented programs for young adults.

Both candidates addressed education funding.

Rep. Gregory said her experience in education makes her the right candidate for the job.

"My background prepares me well for the session," Rep. Gregory said. Funding education was a sticking point for the Legislature this past year.

"I understand education funding," Rep. Gregory said. "We have some very difficult decisions [to make]."

"Education is important to our community," Hickel said.

She pointed out the problems the education system faces.

"We need to fix that levy system," Hickel said.

She said the state's levy

system is outdated and unfair.

Rep. Gregory partially agreed with Hickel.

"A levy swap is not the full answer," Rep. Gregory said. Levies vary from district to district.

"We need to work to fully fund what is recognized as basic education."

Both candidates were in favor of reducing tuition for college students.

Rep. Gregory voted in favor of the 5 percent tuition reduction that community and technical college students are now enjoying.

The candidates also discussed the prospect of econom-

ic development in Federal Way.

Hickel stressed the importance of filling the city's downtown core while still maintain fiscal conservatism.

"We must make sure we don't overtax our businesses", she said.

Hickel praised the city for not having a municipal business and occupation tax.

She also said she would be interested in more technology or engineering-oriented jobs in the city.

Rep. Gregory said she looks forward to working with the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce, and exploring strategies to further business development.

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Preparing for an earthquake is easier than you might think, professor says

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Reporter

Surviving an earthquake could be easier for those who attended Dr. Eric Baer's Science Seminar on earthquake safety and preparation last Friday.

"In one lifetime our area experiences multiple significant earthquakes, we need to be prepared," the geology professor said.

Two things you can do to be prepared for an earthquake are to assemble an earthquake kit and to make sure your water heater is secured to the wall.

An earthquake kit should contain enough food and water for those dependent on you; a flashlight and radio so you're not left in the dark; a first-aid kit; cash money; and warm clothing.

Strapping down your water heater should be done because if it spills it will flood your house. If it stays upright it is a source of clean water.

"If you find yourself in an earthquake, the first thing you need to do is drop, cover and hold on. As long as you protect your head your chances of surviving even a catastrophic earthquake are significantly in-



Jessica Strand/THUNDERWORD
Attendees at Friday's Science Seminar practice how to duck, cover, and hold.

creased," said Dr. Baer. "When the shaking starts you need to immediately get down and beneath cover and stay there until it stops," he said. Students will have a chance

to employ Dr. Baer's suggestions today at 10:15 a.m. when Highline takes part in the 2015 Great Washington ShakeOut earthquake drill. The next Science Seminar

will be presented by Kayoko Mozley on Oct. 23 and focuses on sleep apnea. Science Seminar is held in Building 3, room 102 from 1:30-2:35 p.m.

Puzzle answers

Go Figure!
answers

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Undocumented citizens don't live a life of crime, Highline professor says

By Trevar Jordan
Staff Reporter

Despite recent high profile incidents involving undocumented citizens, a Highline political science professor says that undocumented citizens are not only less likely to commit a crime, but they are less likely to be involved in a crime.

Political Science professor Dr. Ben Gonzalez told the History Seminar audience on Oct. 7 all about Sanctuary Cities and undocumented citizens.

Americans have been wrestling with issues regarding undocumented immigrants for years. Dr. Gonzalez said that 1929 was the first time undocumented immigration was on the Congressional agenda.

Sanctuary Cities are places that feature a "city of refuge" policy that aims to protect undocumented citizens during their transition to citizenship.

These policies bar local authorities from informing federal officials of undocumented cit-

izens and allow them to access government resources without their citizenship being questioned.

Last July 1, a young woman named Kate Steinle was shot and killed by an undocumented immigrant in San Francisco.

"There's a national myth that Mexico is sending illegal immigrants here deliberately to commit crimes," said Dr. Gonzalez.

He said this is simply not true. Sanctuary cities see less crime; undocumented citizens are among the least likely to commit a crime, and the crimes that do happen almost never involve an undocumented citizen, he said.

"The Death of Kate Steinle represents an outlier in undocumented citizens, not the majority coming here to lead a better life for them and their families," said Dr. Gonzalez.

History Seminar will return on Oct. 21 and will feature Savio Pham on Migration of Vietnamese Americans in Building 3, room 103, at 1:30-2:40 p.m.

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budget.

"It was the longest session in history," said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

The reduction brings in-state tuition down from \$1,333 per quarter to \$1,129 per quarter. Those numbers are based off of full-time enrollment of 12 credits per quarter.

The 5 percent reduction for community and technical college students nearly did not happen.

Sen. Keiser said the budget did include a tuition reduction in an earlier proposal, but only for four-year institutions.

"It really left out community colleges," Sen. Keiser said. She said Democrats fought for the tuition cut.

A 5 percent tuition reduction means that community and technical colleges get less in tuition revenue than they did last year.

Community and technical colleges are not solely funded by the state. Tuition revenue accounts for about half of an institution's operating budget.

"The state didn't fully fill that gap," said Dr. Lisa Skari on the tuition loss. Dr. Skari is Highline's vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Lawmakers do have a plan for reconciling that loss.

"We've insisted that it be backfilled," said State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines.

Backfilling means covering the loss of revenue from existing funds.

In this case, Sen. Keiser said the reduction comes at the cost of State Need Grants.

The State Need Grant provides financial aid for college students who have a lower than average annual income. It is a first-come, first-serve program with finite resources.

While more than 74,000 students received the grant in the 2013-2014 academic year, more than 32,000 students who were eligible were unable to receive financial aid due to lack of funds. This past 2014-2015 school year, the Legislature appropriated \$308 million for the program.

"I would have really appreciated helping out those

students on the waitlist," Sen. Keiser said.

She explained that the many of the students on the waitlist are community and technical college students.

Highline President Dr. Jack Bermingham concurred with Sen. Keiser's assessment.

Dr. Bermingham said the reason is that community and technical colleges have heavy enrollment year-round, unlike four-year colleges where enrollment is overwhelmingly in Fall Quarter. When two-year students enroll for quarters later in the academic year, the State Need Grant funds are already exhausted.

Sen. Keiser said legislative Democrats are interested in exploring the possibility of making the first year of community college free, but not for several years.

Students are not the only group on campus to feel some financial relief.

The Legislature also included a 3 percent salary increase for state workers in the budget, which includes faculty, classified staff and exempt staff. It is their first salary increase in seven years.

Sen. Keiser said institutions were having trouble retaining skilled teachers, both at the college and K-12 levels, due to those stagnant salaries.

The Legislature has been facing some struggles regarding K-12 education as well.

In 2012, the Legislature was ordered by the State Supreme Court to fully fund K-12 education.

This summer, the Supreme Court concluded the Legislature had not fulfilled that mandate in the 2015-2017 budget, and ordered a \$100,000 per day fine.

The sum of that sanction, which will end up to be around \$15 million by the start of the new Legislative session on Jan. 11, 2016, will be dedicated to K-12 education.

Compared to the \$1.3 billion dedicated to K-12 education in the 2015-2017 budget, \$15 million is not a lot of money. In fact, it's a little more than a 10th of a percent of that amount.

Sen. Keiser said a different approach to funding K-12 is prudent, but that progress has been made.

roundabout way all faculty and staff uses this system, said an information technology specialist at Highline.

The State Board created the CTC system for Community and Technical Colleges, said the specialist.

Highline is in Wave 2 of adding the new system with a adoption date of Aug. 2017. For more information on the new system go to sbctc.edu/college/_i-ct-clink.aspx.

Beach

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remaining from the previous boardwalk, aside from the boardwalk piles and the seawall, will be removed and replaced with a new boardwalk made out of concrete.

The boardwalk piles will be repaired and improved and lights will be installed along the bottom of the boardwalk to light up the walking surface.

According to the Redondo Boardwalk Repair Update, "the expected new service life will be 50 plus years."

The construction is expected to affect more than traffic.

Dr. Kaddee Lawrence, the executive director of the Marine Science and Technology Center, said that mobile animals in the boardwalk area, such as crabs and mussels, will likely move away from the construction area.

Unfortunately, there could be some impact on immobile animals such as barnacles and sea anemones.

"There's going to be some disturbance," she said. "But the City of Des Moines is trying to make the impact as small as possible."

Dr. Lawrence also said that the new design could actually be beneficial to the marine life in that area and that it may develop a better ecosystem for more and new animals to settle there.

The reason for this is that

a gap covered with mesh-like concrete will be built in between the road and the boardwalk. This will cause more spray along the road from high tides, but the wave impact to the animals living underneath the boardwalk will be minimized.

As a result, more animals that avoid direct sunlight and strong wave impacts, such as sea urchins, could move into the boardwalk area as their new habitat.

The MaST Center's neighbor, Salty's Restaurant, was also affected by the damage to the boardwalk.

"There has definitely been less foot traffic," said Terianne Broyles, managing partner of Salty's. "But the closure was actually beneficial to our business."

Since the boardwalk's closing, people have begun to walk along the north side of the beach and pass by Salty's to come in and have dinner on the dock. As a result, Salty's has received more customers since the boardwalk closure.

Nevertheless, customers were still generally disappointed at the closure because they enjoyed having dinner and going for a traditional walk on the boardwalk, she said.


Salty's plans to host a grand opening party when the boardwalk opens back up sometime in late spring and early summer to help revive that interest.

"It's not too bad," Broyles said. "Salty's is an iconic restaurant and in itself is an attraction, definitely."

Customers continue to come in to Salty's and hope for the boardwalk re-opening soon.

Other residents and visitors in the Redondo area expressed their concerns for the boardwalk through weekly inquiries as well.

"The city receives several public inquiries every week," Merges said. "The public wants to know what's going on, why it took so long, and when it will reopen. We are working as fast as we can to minimize disruption."



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"Highline does not have to worry about that because we don't use that vendor so our situation would be different," he said.

All colleges are using a 30-year-old computer system, which CTC is replacing.

This system is used by Human Resources, Financial Aid, Administration, and in a