Get your pumpkin spice latte raw

Shiloa Reash/THUNDERWORD
Pumpkins are ready to get 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 Legislature, 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 increase for state employees.

The Legislature met for nearly six months before hammering out a $38.2 billion two-year budget, according to a report by the Washington Department of Finance and Administration.

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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, Saltys, suffered minor building damages.

Following a prolonged effort 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 Transportation Improvement Board.

The reconstruction will be completed in two phases.

The first phase in December 2014 will cost $360,000 and consist of a handful of temporary work zone closures and two-lane to one-lane traffic restrictions during construction.

The second phase in November 2016 will cost $4.1 million and will have work zone closures and two-lane to one-lane traffic restrictions.

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.

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 colleges.

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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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 lender-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 black shirt with a 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.

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 Violence event, an interactive dialogue 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 at 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 résumé

Alumni Relations will be hosting a resume workshop Oct. 21 in Building 8. This first event, hosted alongside representatives from Weyerhaeuser, is titled the “Weyerhaeuser Resume Workshop and Information Session” will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will receive career, interview and resume 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 from 10 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.

The Transfer Fair is YOUR opportunity to meet with admissions representatives from over 20 four-year colleges and universities.

Meet with Admissions reps, pick up transfer materials & have your questions answered! This is a GREAT place to explore your transfer options!

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
A lot of construction occurred on campus over the summer, much of it on utilities. From re-striping 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 staff 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 manager 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.

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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 it’s not safe for students with afternoon and evening classes.

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.

Embrace your differences with Disability Awareness Month

Guest Commentary

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 Adelaman 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 through 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.
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 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 art work 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 as I could.”

His work developed from small, canvas-sized paintings to murals of 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 painter, Morrison made use of what he had when painting his parents’ home with a mural of Native American imagery.

“My dad always had extra paint laying around and that’s basically how I got my start at painting,” 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 expensive tools, the most expensive computer or resources,” he said.

By practicing that, Morrison said, “That fight 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.

“After a year of fighting to keep these murals, they actu- ally hired me,” he said. “One day I ba-
sically got a letter in the mail saying, ‘You know what An-
drew, 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 employ-
ee 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 fol-

Local authors host writing workshop

By Michael Muench
Staff Reporter

Students will be able to at-
tend an on-campus and up-
coming reading by two Wash-
ington 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 writ-
ten 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 re-
volves around ancestry, indi-
viduality and the effects that history and writer’s voices have on one’s individuality.

“I want to have a conversa-
tion with the reader,” Green said about her work.

Debby Bacharach is a Wash-
ington-based author who has been writing since childhood and will read from her anthol-
ogy 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 book based on the prominent women from the Book of Gen-
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The reading event 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 un-
packed 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.”
Local 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

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 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 goalkeeper Grayson Raffensperger.

The Thunderbirds defense has really stepped it up.” said 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-Gonzolez. Castillo scored his final goal of the season in the 64th minute, assisted by freshman Alvaro Osornio. “That was a great move by Raffensperger,” said teammate Tyler John. “He has been stepping up and making saves.”

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-Gonzolez. The senior returned the favor in the second half, assisting a goal by Soto-Gonzolez 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 Mohr.

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 Mohr.

“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 Mohr.

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

Thunderbirds’ success earns West Coast, national rankings

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.


With a season record of 23-3 and 4-1 in the league, the team is not going to let this loss affect 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 themselves than each other.

“They could have gotten more excited for each other,” Timofeyev said.

“We played more like individuals than a team,” said Kate Lynn Fullmer, setter, who provided 15 sets during the game.

“They had a fast offense, which threw us off,” said Fullmer.

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

“In the end we just didn’t show up,” she said.

Head Coach Chris Littleman said, “In the end we just didn’t show up.”

This Friday and Saturday 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.
Women’s soccer hangs onto first place

By Charles Prater  
Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team remains unbeaten 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 90th and 92nd 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.

“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,” said Moore.

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.

“Also, to play very direct from the back to their half of the field and keep possession is going to be an advantage for us,” said Moore.

“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 next game after Wednesday is against Lower Columbia (1-5-0, 3-10-0) on Saturday, Oct. 17 at noon. Highline travels to Bellevue for a game Oct. 20.

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

Analyse Miller-Wells keeps her cool leading the ball away from Tacoma.
**Weekly SUDOKU**
by Linda Thistle

1959 Disney movie Sleeping Beauty?

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ **The 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?
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 Deni Duclos is fully aware of the P.C. Thumbi for Position 7. Councilwoman Duclos has been on the City Council since 2007.

Thumbi said, “I really support our community efforts by way of a city like the PAEC. Should have the agenda, and that extravagances should be first on the city’s large expenditures.”

“People involved by way of a city downtown core. The project is one of several mates to cost $31.85 million. The candidates also weighed economic agendas 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.

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 fac-

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.
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 increased,” 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.

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 citizens 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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“It was the longest session in history,” said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. The reductions bring in-state tuition down from $1,333 per quarter to $1,129 per quarter. The numbers are based off of full-time enrollment of 12 credits per quarter.

The 5 percent reduction for community and technical colleges 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.

The Legislature accepted 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 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.

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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. Kaddie 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.

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