Students beware: Lowe’s begins to tow

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Many students who leave their cars in the Lowe’s parking lot may come back to find something missing.

Last Thursday afternoon, tow trucks began to remove the cars of students who decided to park across the street at Lowe’s. Last week, the parking lot may come back to find their cars in the Lowe’s parking lot, Morrison said.

“We usually stand and watch [students] come in and walk over to the bus stop,” he said. “If there’s a car I put a notice on and it’s still there two hours later, it’s not a customer. Our customers don’t park over in the corner of the lot.”

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Morrison will put out warning notices on students’ cars for two weeks. If the student continues to park at Lowe’s, then the towing begins, Morrison said.

“Last year, we had to start towing and then it stopped. It started off the same pattern this year.”

Usually, Morrison said he would put a notice on students’ cars two weeks before starting to tow. If students continue to park in the Lowe’s parking lot, instead of in one of the several lots on campus, the campus is humming with political talk. Students have mixed positions about which candidates are fit for the presidency and why voting is important.

“My vote for Hillary is a no-brainer,” said student Maricia Maggi. “Aside from me being a Democrat and agreeing with Hillary’s policies, Trump is an idiot.”

Many students agreed with her.

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Highline text alerts warn students of storm results

By Thunderword Staff
and The Associated Press

Forget your rain boots and umbrellas, this weekend’s storm calls for staying indoors.

The National Weather Service issued a special weather statement yesterday warning people in the Puget Sound area of heavy rains and intense winds.

“An impressively stormy period is coming up for Western Washington from Thursday through the weekend,” according to the National Weather Service report. “The main impacts will be from flood-producing rainfall and damaging winds. Along the coast, giant waves and coastal flooding are possible this weekend.”

In case of a power outage or other damage on campus as a result of the storm, Highline encourages students, faculty, and staff to sign up for HC Text Alerts.

This emergency communication service will send campus updates via text message to those who sign up, said Francesca Fender, the analyst and executive assistant for Highline’s administrative services.

“You can get regular news off of TV stations,” she said. “But if you want information specific to Highline, like if the college is closed or if we had a power outage over that weekend and we’re looking to resolve it, [HC Text Alerts] is how you find out.”

To sign up, visit https://safety.highline.edu/ and select the HC text alert link at the top of the page. Anyone with a highline email is able to sign up and receive the alerts.

Emergency updates will also be broadcasted on Highline social media accounts, such as the college’s Facebook page and Twitter page, as well as on the official Highline website, Fender said.

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Students snap suspect after cell phone theft

By Kori Spencer and Teejake Ancheta
Staff Reporters

A group of Highline students tackled a would-be phone thief outside the Library before he was arrested by Des Moines Police last Friday.

Public Safety officers responded to a call about an in-progress theft in the Library on Oct. 7. A non-student stole a cell phone from an international student. As the victim chased after the young man, she cried out about what was happening. A group of nearby Highline students teamed up for the pursuit to help the victim of the stolen cell phone.

Exiting out of the entrance of the library, heading outside to the Highline quad, they caught up to him, recovered the cellphone, and ran back to the library, and waited for help to arrive.

Students at the scene said the thief was prepared to fight for the phone after being tackled and surrounded by five or six helping students from the library, and in return, were beaten and pummeled to the ground until he was subdued. The cell phone was then recovered.

As for the unsuccessful thief, he was treated by medics at the scene and taken away.

Visitor arrested after crime spree

A visitor to campus kept Public Safety busy with a string of crimes throughout the day on Monday.

The rampage began when a Highline employee, who works in Building 25, reported that his bike was stolen from the north side of the Library on Oct. 10.

The employee had locked his blue 2015 Breezer bike to the lamp post on the north side of Building 25 at 3 p.m. He reported it missing at 7 p.m. Earlier in the day, Public Safety received a call about a suspicious individual prowling vehicles in the North Lot. The suspicious individual was seen on a blue bike. Security then made contact with this person and the suspicious individual denied he was checking vehicle doors.

An officer then asked the individual about the blue Breezer bike which had been stolen earlier. The individual had stated that it was his bike and that the key was lost. He was then asked to leave campus and complied. Later on the same day, Security received a call reporting a person was going through the lockers in Building 27. It was the same person stopped earlier in the North Lot.

Although nothing was missing at the time, the individual was asked to leave campus again. The individual proceeded to walk away from Security, while carrying the blue bike.

Later, two Des Moines Police Department vehicles were sighted down at Buildings 27 and 28.

A student in Building 28 reported his cell phone had been taken, but was given back to him. Des Moines Police detained and arrested the suspect, who was apparently the same man with the blue bike from the earlier reports. The blue bike was not with him at the time of the arrest.

A person near Buildings 27 and 28 stated a bike Cadilac in the North Lot had a broken window.

A Des Moines police officer later found items in the Highline locker room that belonged to someone who submitted a theft report earlier. Des Moines police were able to return the lost items to the owner, who was still in the East Lot. His backpack, house and car keys have not yet been found.

The victims involved in the bike theft, parking lot activity, and locker room rummaging were arrested by the Des Moines Police.

Domestic Violence Awareness activity

In honor of Domestic Violence awareness month, Women's Programs will continue activities today. The Clothesline Project will be happening outside of Women's Programs department in Building 6 on the first floor, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The YMCA will have a resource table from 9 a.m. to noon outside of the Women's Program office in Building 6 on the first floor.

Writing Center helps applicants

The Transfer Center has several events to help transfer students succeed.

The Writing Center will host a workshop to help students write their personal statement essay for transferring.

Visit the Writing Center in Building 26, room 319 on Nov. 2 from 1-2 p.m. to get tips on brainstorming ideas and writing effectively, organize your essay, and what to include.

Four year colleges coming to campus

Highline will host a Transfer Fair on Nov. 16. Representatives from more than 20 four-year colleges and universities will be available to answer questions on topics such as the transfer process, admission requirements, application deadlines, scholarships and majors.

There is no need to register, the event will be in the Student Union on the first floor. Students can attend any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

• The Transfer Center will also host a portfolio review event for transferring students on Nov. 16.

A transfer portfolio may include your transfer application, personal statement, academic resume, letters of recommendation, college transcript, and relevant test scores.

Four-year college representatives will be available to give personalized attention and feedback about students' transfer portfolios.

Registration is required, and must be done by Nov. 8. To register, pick up a form from the Transfer Center. The event will be in the Student Union, Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms from 1:30-4 p.m.

$500 Transforming Lives award

Highline is seeking applicants for the $500 Transforming Lives award, which recognizes current or former students whose lives have been transformed by attending a Washington state community or technical college.

Applicants must submit a 500 word or less personal story, contact information and a photo that is limited to head and shoulders with a plain, light background.

Send materials to Lisa Skari, http://lskari@highline.edu by 5 p.m. Friday, October 21, 2016. For more information, email Lisa Skari or call 206-870-3795.

Women's Program hosting seminar

Women's Programs is hosting a Financial Literacy seminar Thursday, Oct. 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Building 8 in the Mt. Olympus room. Katrina Roy from the Department of Financial Institutions will be presenting.

Great Shake-Out is next Thursday

On Thursday, Oct. 20 at 12:20 a.m. Highline will participate in an all-campus earthquake drill.

An emergency message will broadcast over indoor and outdoor loudspeakers, desktop computers, office phones, text message, digital signage TV screens, e-mail, and all Highline Social Media.

Upon hearing the emergency earthquake message: drop, cover and hold on. If you are outside, move away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires. Stay put until the drill is over.

If you’re not reading the Thunderword, you don’t know what is going on
Boardwalk reopens after two year wait

By Cris Romero
Staff Reporter

A ceremony on Nov. 5 will honor the opening of the City of Des Moines’ new Redondo Boardwalk.

Almost two years after it was destroyed by a severe storm back in November 2014, the boardwalk informally reopened to the public last week.

Originally, the boardwalk was planned to open in mid-summer but because of challenges relating to the concrete drilling in the piles, the boardwalk could not open as planned. The boardwalk project funding was set to cost $4.7 million and the delays did not cost any additional money, said City Project Manager Andrew Merges.

The new boardwalk is constructed of a concrete deck with wood stamp finish, stainless steel cable railings, a low deck surface and illumination, existing pile encapsulation, and a raised intersection at South 287th Street and Redondo Beach Drive for increased pedestrian safety.

According to the City of Des Moines’ website, the restoration of the boardwalk had support from the Federal Highway Administration, Washington State Department of Commerce, the Transportation Improvement Board, and the Des Moines City Council.


Bathrooms are messy subjects

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

More needs to be done to protect people who are transgendered, an expert said here last week.

Bathrooms are just another way to regulate and oppress bodies said Dr. T.J. Jourian, who spoke on “the Politics of Pee.” Dr. Jourian is a transman and social justice activist who is dedicated to fighting for justice and liberation for the transgender community. He has a Ph.D. in Higher Education, and has spoken at hundreds of colleges across the country.

“This past year in particular has been stained by widespread backlash against a rising visibility of the trans community,” Dr. Jourian said.

“I want to emphasize that it is a backlash on our visibility, not just our existence, but our audacity to be unapologetic about our existence,” he said.

Laws aiming to preventing transgendered individuals from using restrooms for the gender they identify with, such as North Carolina’s House Bill 2, have become a hot topic across the United States, he said.

House Bill 2 contains wording that requires individuals to use bathrooms for the sex they were born as, which is defined as what is “stated on a person’s birth certificate.”

“The safety concern is that allowing trans people to access restrooms will automatically mean men who wish to assault, harass or otherwise humiliate women will now legally be able to,” Dr. Jourian said.

“This rhetoric ignores several facts, including that sexual assault and harassment do not only occur in gender-mixed spaces and that women and girls can assault and harass each other, as can men and boys,” he said.

In fact, studies have found the opposite to be true, Dr. Jourian said. Studies have found that 70 percent of transgendered individuals have been denied entrance, assaulted or harassed while trying to use the restroom they identify with.

“Physical attacks were experienced by 9 percent of respondents,” Dr. Jourian said.

“I want to draw some connections between ‘bathroom bills’ and several ways in which bodies which are deemed undesirable for one reason or another are politicized, criminalized and disposed of,” Dr. Jourian said.

The bathroom laws are reminiscent of anti-sagging laws from the mid-2000s Dr. Jourian said. These anti-sagging laws criminalized black youth and marked them as deviants.

“[There were] these arbitrary rules about how high or low to wear one’s pants and there were often times fines and jail time associated with that,” he said.

Mass panics over these types of issues have been characterized as “moral panics” and the media often plays a crucial role in creating these panics, Dr. Jourian said.

And although the perceived issue has been going on for some time, it is brought into the public’s eye in such a way that it is perceived as an immediate threat, he said.

School parking policies to change soon

By Kori Spencer
Staff Reporter

Highline will reduce its parking restrictions in an effort to ease overcrowding in all of the parking lots.

“Carpool only parking restrictions are no longer enforced after noon every day,” said Richard Noyer, the Highline Parking Enforcement manager.

Students of Highline will be allowed to park in the carpool parking spots after noon each day, regardless if they have a carpool pass or not.

“The new rule only applies after noon, though. Between the hours of 7 a.m. until noon, you cannot park in the carpool spots unless you have a carpool pass,” he said.

People with a one-day permit can only park within the student lots. They are not permitted to park in carpool or staff, regardless of the time in the day.

Noyer said he hopes changing these parking rules will help with the parking situation.

“Nothing really helps [at the start of each quarter],” Noyer said. “After the first two weeks, the parking situation will improve.”

Noyer is proposing a new plan to improve the signage for parking around campus.

“Currently I’m doing a survey of signage right now and looking at getting it to read a little bit better,” he said.

He is not sure as to how long the new parking rules will last due to a couple of factors, such as the new light rail station that will be coming in the next couple of years, he said.

“That again, will change parking,” Noyer said.

During the first two weeks of school, Noyer directs traffic from 8 a.m. to noon, Noyer said.

He notices that a large majority of students give him thumbs up in approval of his efforts trying to get students out of the parking lot within three minutes, opposed to the 20 minute wait to get out of the main parking lot when he is not there to direct traffic.

“I try to get traffic under control and get everyone out within a timely, effective manner for the first two weeks,” Noyer said.
Highline alerts are meant to be helpful

It’s important to sign up for Highline text alerts because it is a quick way to get notified of anything emergency-related on campus, whether it is man-made or environmental. It also helps to sign up for Highline alerts because the text could come with specific instructions to keep you safe. The alerts can help you prepare for potential emergencies on campus.

The Highline alerts also let students be aware of what’s happening on campus. For example, if there was a power outage because of a snow storm, Highline would notify you through Highline alerts. Letting the student know that there has been a campus closure due to the power outage.

The alerts could tell you what are some recent activities that are happening and what you should keep an eye out for.

The alerts give you advice as to what you should do or can do to avoid certain situations from happening to you.

During last school year there was incidents where students were getting robbed. Highline alert gave suggestions to avoid being in this situation. They suggested that you don’t walk alone, try and walk in groups of students. They also suggested that students pay attention to the surroundings, and if you feel unsafe Highline does offer escort that can walk you to your car or any other building you need to go to.

Students find it easier to get notified through text. It’s convenient for the students to sign up because as students you always on the go. It’s also convenient for students because the alerts give you warnings to potential things happening. For example, flood warning or snow warning. Letting students know if they should stay home or make their way to school.

The Highline alerts let you know about anything that can potentially affect you as a student in a way.

To sign up for Highline alerts visit https://hctextalerts.highline.edu/signup.php.

Elections are right around the corner

This year’s elections are important and everyone needs to vote. Voting for president is what most people think of, but he or she isn’t the one who controls tuition rates.

Voting is your way of voicing your opinion. As a student you should be aware of who becomes governor and legislators. They are the ones who control how much students pay for tuition.

Students are impacted because tuition can go up or down. Plus, grants can get cut.

Some students are low-income and if tuition goes up they might not be able to continue their education.

Education is what helps people get good jobs and better themselves.

Making tuition more expensive would make it hard for students to pay for tuition. The students would have greater debt from taking out more student loans.

It’s important to vote as a student because it shows that you’re involved and paying attention to elections and voicing your opinion.

Elections effect not just you as a student but also as a citizen of this country.

Ballots will be mailed starting Oct. 21. A drop box is located on Highline campus, west of the Child Center.

Remember the last day to vote is Nov. 8.

Let’s celebrate the truth

There are certain things you learn in the public school system. You are taught basic math skills, you’re taught the biology of a cell, and you’re taught that Christopher Columbus was a brave, noble explorer who discovered America.

After attending Highline’s first ever Indigenous People’s Day celebration, I feel I was never taught the whole story about Christopher Columbus.

At the event, I listened to Native American people from an array of tribes speak about what the second Monday in October means to them.

For some speakers, their words were laced with anger and frustration as they pointed out the flaws in the portrayal of Columbus.

For others, they spoke with pride about their tribe and how their culture has been so deeply rooted in each generation of their family. They were thankful to have Highline’s support with Indigenous People’s Day.

After hearing both sides, it made me realize I learned about Columbus from a white-washed standpoint, one of which has been institutionalized through our school systems over the years by masqueraded history.

My understanding was built upon a romanticized version of a murderer and a rapist. A man who wiped out thousands of people through genocide, mutilation, and torture receives a federal holiday.

The indigenous people with rich culture, respect for the land, and monumental contributions to America are often forgotten.

The first was what gender do I identify as. The second was about me sexual orientation. I had one thought about those two questions.

What do those questions have to do with adding or dropping a class?

There is no connection between the questions and the purpose of the form. So I ask, why do it?

If the questions need to be ask in any forum is another debate for another time. I am asking is this the right place for it?

No, of course not. When filling out a form we should be asked only questions that are related to the reason for the form.

I do not care what the question is, if it has nothing to do with the form it should not be on there.

There is a time and a place for everything. Let’s keep the questions in the right place and the right time.

I admit that I left the questions blank and it was accepted without problems.

That still does not excuse Highline asking the questions in the first place.

-Mathew Renner, Highline Student

Guest Commentary

Olivia Sullivan

It’s taken our society far too long to realize who the holiday should be dedicated to.

Columbus Day became a recognized holiday in 1937. Today, several cities and states across the nation are making the move to change that holiday to Indigenous People’s Day.

In 2014, the Seattle City Council made the switch and voted to recognize Indigenous People’s Day.

It is wrong to credit Columbus for the discovery of the Americas, when the land was already inhabited. By doing this, we send a message to the Native American people saying their history, their culture, their presence is not valid because they are not white.

I hope in the future when my children go to school and learn about the history of the world, they are taught an accurate education about Native people. I hope there is an unbiased representation of all cultures and their importance to our world history.

Olivia Sullivan is the Editor-in-Chief of the Thunderword.
Vegetable croustade pleases many palates

1 large head of garlic, separated into cloves, smashed and peeled
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Pour 1/2 cup of the olive oil on a large sheet pan or jelly-roll pan, 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 by 1 inch, coating with the oil. Place pan in oven to heat for 5 minutes, watching carefully to make sure it doesn’t overheat or smoke.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the remaining 1/2 cup of oil, the potatoes, squash, Brussels sprouts, green onions, carrot, celery roots, garlic, salt, pepper, Italian seasoning and sugar until the vegetables are coated. Carefully place the vegetables on the heated pan and roast for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring once after 10 minutes. Allow vegetables to cool before mixing with the tofu cream filling.

To make the tofu cream filling:
1 container (4 ounces) light whipped cream cheese
4 ounces soft, silken tofu, drained
1/2 cup grated Romano cheese
1/2 cup light mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

In a large bowl, mix together the whipped cream cheese, tofu, Parmesan, mayonnaise, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper until smooth. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to blend flavors. Mix the cooled, roasted vegetables with the tofu cream filling until well-blended.

To make the croustade:
1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
1 egg
1 tablespoon water
1. Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature for 40 minutes. The oven should already be heated to 400 F if the vegetables were roasted in it, or preheat oven as needed.
2. Unfold puff pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll pastry into 16 by 12-inch rectangle. Using butter- or olive oil-flavored cooking spray, lightly spray the baking casserole dish or a round baking dish. Place sheets of parchment paper or pieces of foil inside bowl with strips overlapping the edges to make the croustade easier to remove. Lightly spray the parchment or foil.
3. Place pastry in casserole dish or baking dish with pastry edges overlapping the sides. Mound vegetable cream-cheese mixture in center of the pastry. Leaving an opening in the center, fold the pastry edges around the filling, crimping edges under to form a bowl.

In a small bowl, mix together egg and water to make an egg wash. Brush pastry with egg mixture. Bake the croustade 10 to 15 minutes until the pastry is golden brown. To serve, allow to cool for 10 minutes. Using a spatula, gently loosen croustade from the baking dish or pan using the sheets of parchment or foil to help move it onto a serving dish. Serve warm or at room temperature.
By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

The Halloween events help you get your inner ghouls out.

Mosby Farms Photo

Mosby Farms will continue to host its 25th annual Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze through Oct. 30.

Studens and families in the Des Moines and surrounding areas have a spooktacular array of Halloween festivities this October.

By Gretchen Schrafft, who recently published her first book. Participants will be encouraged to create and share their own work. The reading runs from 10:10-10:45 a.m. and the event ends at 11:15-11:50 a.m. Highline Listings is in building 2 and will be followed by a book signing. For more information, visit www.highline.edu. By Gretchen Schrafft, who recently published her first book. Participants will be encouraged to create and share their own work. The reading runs from 10:10-10:45 a.m. and the event ends at 11:15-11:50 a.m. Highline Listings is in building 2 and will be followed by a book signing. For more information, visit www.highline.edu.

**Sentimental Journey**

Oct. 30, “Join Bob DeDea and Sentimental Journey at 876 S. 333rd St. For more information, visit www.itsallhappenshere.com or call 206-824-4722. On Oct. 30, the Landing in Renton will host Trick or Treat Street. Activities will include trick or treating, games, and more. Admission price is $7 and pre-registration is required. The event will take place in two sessions throughout the day, at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. The event will be at 22722 19th Ave. S.

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**Disney on Ice: Worlds of Enchantment**

Nov. 2 – Nov. 13. Disney on Ice is touring and will make their rounds to the Kent Showare Arena and Everett Xfinity Arena. “Rev up for non-stop fun with your favorite Disney friends in this exciting new show.” For more information, visit www.disneyonice.com or call 206-356-1382. Additional information can be found at www.centerstagetheatre.com.

**Pumpkin Pandemonium**

Halloween events help you get your inner ghoul on.

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Kelsey Par/THUNDERWORD

Redondo shows Halloween Festival with inflatable pumpkins.

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**T-Birds stumble upon their first loss**

By Konner Hancock

Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s soccer team suffered a tough loss, but they’re still on top of the North¬west Athletics Conference Western Division.

The T-Birds are 7-0-1 and are the No.1 team in their division. The team played two games this past week, the first game was a close win against Pierce and the second game Highline received devastating loss against Tacoma.

Last Thursday Highline snagged a win against the 3-0-4 Pierce Raiders, 2-1.

Freshman Midfielder Tucker Davidson was the only Highline player with an assist all game. However, both freshman defender Gavin McEvoy and freshman forward Fernando Sanchez scored a goal in the last 10 minutes of the game.

“We never lost faith in winning the game. The first half didn’t go as planned, but we knew that if we started to generate opportunities at the point of attack then we could get ourselves on the board,” said Sanchez. “In the second half we started opening up the field and communicating better.”

Sanchez’s goal against Pierce was the first of his college career.

“It felt great to score, I was extremely happy to be able to help the team get the win which is always the main objective,” he said.

Then on Oct. 8, the T-Birds suffered a tough loss against the 5-1-2 second place Tacoma Titans 3-0.

“Everyone was angry, which is to be expected. I know how bad everyone wants to win every game,” said men’s soccer team Head Coach Steve Mohn.

The loss was Highline’s first of the season and the team doesn’t plan on acquiring anymore, he said.

“The T-Birds play to win; they are a very passionate group after a loss. We just need to re-focus and take the remainder of the season one game at a time,” said Mohn.

Highline freshman goalkeeper Julian Tafoya came away with spell saves during the loss to Tacoma.

“After their second goal we knew it wasn’t our day. You never want to blame your loss on the referee and that is definitely the easy way out of things, but that second goal was such a blatant handball,” said Tafoya.

“It’s hard to say the referee didn’t play a role in the game (missing calls) like that,” he said.

“I don’t want to take anything away from our opponent because they were the better team that day, but that second goal just showed us that things weren’t going to go our way,” Mohn said.

After the loss, Mohn gave the team the day off to recuperate and encouraged them to forget about soccer and focus on other things, Tafoya said.

The T-Birds face off against the Titans again on the Oct. 26, the last game of league play before the playoffs start.

“We now know that we are beatable and that just going through the motions isn’t going to cut it. I plan on working even harder at practice and I know that’s what everybody will do from this point out, as we only have a month left of our season left,” said Tafoya.

The team has been working on improving since their loss, said Tafoya.

“As a team when we play to the best of our ability [it shows] and that [happened] when we beat Bellevue 7-0. If we play like that from this point on, which we are very capable of, it’s going to be tough for teams to compete with us,” he said.

With playoffs looming there has been a bit of focus around the repeat of winning the Western Division title, said Tafoya.

Last year’s men’s soccer team won the Western Division and a repeat is possible for the current T-Bird squad.

“Yes, not a doubt in my mind that we are going to win the division again, this game opened our eyes and it’s better to lose now then later on in the season,” said Tafoya.

The team’s next couple of games are Oct. 15, against the 1-0-6 South Puget Sound Clippers, 2 p.m. at Starfire and then on Oct. 19, against the 1-1-5 Bellevue Bulldogs, 3 p.m. at Starfire.
Lady T-Birds kick way to first place

Destiny Guerra (8) makes a fast-break on Tacoma's Megan Chambers (5).

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds win three in a row and rank first in the Northwest- ern Athletic Conference Western Di- vision.

The women’s soccer team won two games this past week with their record of 7-0-1 in league games.

The team played two games this past week, once against the 1-2-5 Pierce Raiders and another against the 6-2-0 Tacoma Titans.

“Highline has been playing well and I’m happy to see the team coming back so strong from a loss,” said sophomore defender Chentay Warnes.

On Oct. 5, Highline tore through the Raiders, handing them a 3-0 shutout.

Sophomore midfielder Amber Burbridge, forward Neo Van de Loo and Warnes each scored a goal.

Sophomore defender Sierra Leach and freshman forward Bianca Acuaro both had an assist.

Goalkeeper Rachel Thompson allo- wed no goals and had seven saves against the Raiders.

“The team all really fits in with each other. We have some serious depth and that’s what I like about his years’ team,” said Warnes.

The next game, Oct. 8, High- line faced off against the Titans, the T-Birds won with a close score of 1-0.

Warnes accounted for the only goal of the game while sophomore forward Arianna Fiorillo had the only assist.

Thompson again allowed no scores and had six saves, giving her three straight shutouts.

“I think [being a sophomore] gives me a leading role on the team, also being the team captain gives me some responsibility of acting like a leader,” said Thompson.

The last time the Lady T-Birds lost was on Sept. 24, when the team expe- rienced their first and so far only loss in league play against Green River.

“We will be really pumped the next time we face them,” said Warnes. “I think we didn’t commu- nicate enough that game. I mean that’s something we fixed and it’s gotten better at since then.”

Highline fell to the Gators 2-0. “Hopefully we aren’t going to need too much motivation for that game considering the result from the last time we played the Green River Ga- tors. It’s going to be about finding out where we’re at and how much we’ve improved at that point,” said Thomas Moore, the head coach of the women’s soccer team.

The next time Highline plays the 4-3-1 Gators is Oct. 22.

“We mixed up our personnel a lit- tle bit and talked more about playing with a different intensity. It’s some- thing that is getting better, but we will need to improve this all the way through the rest of the season to be successful,” said Moore.

The T-Birds next games are against the 1-6-1 Lower Columbia Red Devils on Oct. 15, 12 p.m. at Starfire fields in Tukwila and then 5-3-0 Bellevue Bulldogs on Oct. 19, 1 p.m. at Starfire.

Scores from Oct. 12, home game against the 0-8-0 Grays Harbor Chockers were unavailable at press time.

T-Birds still No. 1 despite narrow loss

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2. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare’s plays features the character of Shylock?

3. ANATOMY: In which part of the human body is the stirrup bone located?

4. ASTRONOMY: What is the seventh planet from the Sun in our solar system?

5. ENTERTAINERS: In what year did singer Elvis Presley die?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone associated with November?

7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the first female deity, according to Greek mythology?

8. MUSIC: Mark Knopfler is best known as lead singer of what rock group?

9. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state is closest to Russia?

10. ANTHROPOLOGY: What is Lascaux site in southern France famous for?

**SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

Moderate   Challenging

**GO FIGURE!**

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.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

You’re moving from a relatively stable situation to one that appears to be laced with perplexity. Be patient. You’ll eventually get answers to help clear up the confusion around you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)

A vexing situation tempts you to rush to set it all straight. But it’s best to let things sort themselves out so that you can get a better picture of the challenge you’re facing.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

Financial matters could create some confusion, especially with a torrent of advice pouring in from several sources. Resist acting on emotion and wait for the facts to emerge.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

That goal you’ve set is still in sight and is still in reach. Stay with the course that you’re on. Making too many shifts in direction now could create another set of problems.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)

It might be time to confront a trouble-making associate and demand some answers. But be prepared for some surprises that could lead you to make a change in some long-standing plans.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)

Congratulations. You’re making great progress in sorting out all that confusion that kept you from making those important decisions. You’re on your way now.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)

A difficult experience begins to ease. That’s the good news. The not-so-good news is a possible complication that could prolong the problem awhile longer.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)

Your self-confidence gets a much-needed big boost as you start to unravel that knotty financial problem. Expect some help from a surprising source.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)

Congratulations. Any lingering negative after-effects from that not-so-pleasant workplace situation are all but gone. It’s time now to focus on the positive.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)

Your self-confidence grows stronger as you continue to take more control of your life. Arrange for some well-earned fun and relaxation with someone special.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)

As usual, you’ve been concerned more about the needs of others than your own. You need to take time for yourself so that you can replenish all that spent energy.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)

Stronger planetary influences indicate a growing presence of people eager to help you navigate through the rough seas that might mark your career course.

**BORN THIS WEEK**

You can balance emotion and logic, which gives you the ability to make choices that are more likely than not to prove successful.

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Big One’s going to take a mighty toll

Some 18,000 could die next time Northwest shakes, rattles and rolls

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

A Highline professor said she wants to scare people into preparing for the next big earthquake.

“[Scientists] project that maybe 18,000 people will die out of the millions that live between the Seattle and Tacoma area,” said Dr. Stephanieh Puchalski at Science Seminar last Friday.

Science Seminar is a one-credit class, covering topics such as technology, math and geology, taught by a different professor or expert per week.

Earthquakes are releases of energy in the form of seismic waves when tectonic plates — large rigid plates on the outer surface of the Earth — thrust past one another. The Cascadia subduction zone produces some of the largest earthquakes in the world because a plate off the coast of Northern California to North Vancouver Island is sliding under the edge of the continent, she said.

“Earthquakes do not kill people,” Dr. Puchalski said. “In fact most of those deaths are due to, not the earthquake itself, but that the shaking of the ground, but to secondary effects, mostly due to building collapse.”

Earthquakes are measured in a logarithmic scale starting at 0 and limited by the size of the planet to approximately 10.5, she said. For the scale to increase a number, such as from one to two, 1,000 times more energy needs to be released to produce 100 times more ground motion.

She played a video of an organized home office: A heavy mum computer monitor next to stacks of paper. A printer sat on top up a filing cabinet desk.

“Your sitting in your home doing your home-work. Everything is great...”

The room shakes. The monitors jump back and forth as the desks drawers shoot open. The printer immediately slides off the surface and breaks to pieces all over the floor.

There are millions of small to large earthquakes per year and that was probably a six, she said.

Highline students may be affected by a major earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone, she said.

“What you may be less aware of is that you have a 37 percent chance of experiencing a major seismic event in the next 50 years,” she said as she paced back and forth.

In 1700, an earthquake from the Cascadia subduction zone produced a tsunami, a long high sea wave, that struck the coast of Japan.

In the Northwest, the earthquake was recorded in oral histories of several Native Americans tribes.

“Enormous and invisible monsters took and threw whole villages up into the air and killed people,” Dr. Puchalski said, paraphrasing the oral history.

She projected a slide representing Washington and British Columbia. Multiple faults, the fractures caused by plates moving relative to one another, filled the screen like a broken window pane.

Scientists can’t predict when the next major quake will occur, although they have been able to more accurately calculate the frequency and magnitude, she said.

“We now know that the Cascadia subduction zone can produce earthquakes magnitude of 9,” Dr. Puchalski said. “They occur every 100 years or so.”

A magnitude 9 earthquake would be 158.489 times bigger than the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, which caused 400 casualties and one fatality, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

“As many as 2 million people will have to be fed, sheltered, provided water for because they can’t go home,” she said.

Dr. Puchalski earned her doctorate in Geology from Indiana University and has been teaching at Highline since 2010.

She focuses on emergency preparedness.

Before a major earthquake occurs it’s important to stock up on emergency supplies such as prescription medicine, water, food, entertainment and warm clothing, she said.

The recovery could take days to months, so it’s “your responsibility” to have a plan, she said.

“Plan how you’re going to check in [with family and friends] after the earthquake.”

Local numbers usually don’t work during and emergency, she said. So it’s important to get everyone in the group to call a predetermined number out of state, she said.

“It’s not over when the shaking stops.”

The next Science Seminar will be Oct. 21, when Rus Higley will give a talk on the Arctic Sea. The discussion takes place at 1:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Panama shouldn’t be defined by WikiLeaks incident

Prof says the strategic isthmus has suffered from racism due to links with U.S.

By Jacqueline Robinson
Staff Reporter

Panama is notable for more than just the Panama Papers of WikiLeak’s fame, a Highline Spanish teacher told last week’s History Seminar audience.

The leak of the so-called Panama Papers in April 2016 exposed 11.5 million legal documents linking a long list of wealthy and political names from all over the world to things such as money laundering, tax evasion, and other illegal means of money making and money hiding.

On Oct. 5, Arline Garcia addressed Panama’s connection to the negativity received in the light of the Panama Papers, gave a brief review of their history and discussed who Panamanians really are.

“Everyone close your eyes and think about Panama. What is the first thing that comes to mind?” Garcia asked.

Crime, corruption, the canal, skyscrapers, beautiful, vibrant...these are some of the words the audience said.

Instead, Garcia said, the country is identified by the Panama Papers scandal.

People were creating fake businesses, fake names and hiding their money in offshore accounts far away from their own countries; far from their own governments, she said.

Using shell companies was a way to avoid the legal system and technical obligations such as taxes. It was a way to be not connected to dirty money such as profits from drugs or scams.

People from all over the world were hiding illegal funds...but after the leak only one country was most notorious for the scandal, and that was Panama,” Garcia said.

Panama’s history is more than the 2016 leak.

There was a blessing and a curse to their geography,” Garcia said.

The 1848 California Gold Rush caused large numbers of people to move to the West Coast. One obstacle was the Rocky Mountains. People needed a new route to the west that was easier than going over a mountain range.

At the time Panama was still part of Colombia.

“Going through Colombia was an obvious choice,” she said.

For years there had been attempts to build a railroad across the Isthmus of Panama.

“Then there was an idea of a canal,” Garcia said. “The U.S. wanted to build the canal, but Colombia was dragging their feet.”

The United States offered to help Panama become independent from Colombia in exchange for access to a canal route, among other terms, she said.

“Panama wanted to become independent because they were tired of the constant Colombian wars,” Garcia said.

The canal took 30 years to build and was finished in 1914. But with the American presence came racism.

“It was a two-tear system. Segregation was the rule of the land,” Garcia said.

White U.S. citizens were paid in gold and everyone else was paid in silver, she said. Aside from the pay, people of color were forced to live in worse living conditions, bad housing and bad poor healthcare.

“Jamaican and black engineers were fired and sent to the Caribbean,” she said.

That was not the only racism displayed. Garcia showed art and cartoons from around the world showing how the relationship between Panama and the United States was portrayed globally.

“Panamanians were drawn animal like, being held up on the shoulders of Uncle Sam,” she said. “The idea is to dehumanize them as a means to justify racism.”

“Who are Panamanians?” she asked. “I was born in Panama City.”

She displayed a graph of her lineage, which had strong descendents from many parts of the world.

“The bottom line is that Panamanians are [of] mixed race,” she said.

Like many other groups Panamanians have been marginalized, confined and pushed out.

Today in Panama there is a lack of water and health care, she said. But Panama is known for its beauty, birds, forests and flowers. And its people are trying to preserve that. They are very involved with preserving the earth, Garcia said.

She ended her presentation with a video clip of Panamanian citizens working with environmental scientists.

“These are Panamanian people, not papas,” she said.

Yesterday’s seminar was about Eugenics, given by Ivanova Smith. An account was not available at press time. Next week’s seminar is titled The Collapse and Rise of Fascism: The Weimar Republic, and will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.
City Manager has big plans

By Mike Simpson
Staff Reporter

The new city manager for Des Moines says that he wants to expand economic opportunity, while improving the quality of life for current residents and newcomers.

Michael Matthias said that Des Moines is in transition and that there is potential for growth through some of the projects that he oversees. These include such developments as the Des Moines Gateway and the adjacent CMX Cinemas and Mootz food hall.

To accommodate the growth, South 216th Street is being up- graded and 90 acres of Port of Seattle buy-out land is being redeveloped into 1.1 million square feet of offices and retail.

Also under redevelopment is the Des Moines Marina, a public and private partnership that, would include a boat-hotel and upscale reta il, he said.

The marina redevelopment would raise revenue for the city through retail sales tax, business licenses and paid parking. Matthias said.

The business park would generate income through lease- hold excise taxes and business licenses, he said.

The business park should create thousands of jobs and bring the new workers of those new jobs to shop in downtown businesses, which, in turn, would generate sales tax for the city.

Meanwhile, companies are trying out their own strategies to improve urban delivery. UPS Inc. began trying out alternative methods to deliver goods that are ordered online and delivered to large residential or retail and commercial buildings. Costo, Nordstrom and UPS are also founding members.

Researchers will examine possible strategies such as centralized drop-off lockers or managing curb space with different methods to deliver goods.

Metropolitan areas across the globe have been testing other ideas, such as using three-wheeled cargo bicycles or electric vans or setting time restrictions for commercial deliveries. In New York, a pilot project studying off-hour freight deliveries paid dozens of grocery stores and retailers to take deliveries between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. instead of normal business hours.

“We’re a growing city, so as we get denser, the congestion increases,” said Scott Koby, Seattle’s transportation director. “There’s been so much change in the last 10 years in how goods move and how people move, it’s a real challenge at creating a level of urgency around this.”

About 170,000 truck trips are taken on the city’s road network every day, according to city officials.

This has led us toward increasing our urban delivery congestion.

This is what we need to test our strategies.”

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“We know what we need is the economic development piece,” Banks said.

Matthias’ economics background is suited for the position and that he has really rallied the staff together to generate excitement among colleagues and investors to advertise the good side of Des Moines as a downtown destination.

Kaplan said that Matthias is suited because 95 percent of his experience is in economic work, adding that he puts in extra hours.

“He’s a creative guy,” Kaplan said. “He does the work and he gets it done.”
to bring parking difficulties, students say. Due to the limited availability of spots combined with the mass of students arriving in “no parking” zones, students often find parking elsewhere.

“I had one guy yesterday [who] saw me out there so he went in the store, came out and he had bought something,” Morrison said. “Then I stepped away and watched [as] he got his car, went to school, and left his car out there for five hours that day. I’m going to tow people that do that.”

“Towing has served an effective measure to stop students,” Morrison said. “It makes them think twice before they do it,” he said. “If we open it up to everybody, pretty soon Lowe’s parking lot would be an extension parking lot for Highline College and then I wouldn’t have it for my customers.”

There are costly consequenc-es of parking in unpermitted areas or the “no parking” zones. This may include pricey tickets or even having your car towed. When your car is towed, it costs more than $250 to retrieve. Airport Towing, a local family business commonly used by Lowe’s to remove cars, charges $240 per hour with an additional $60 storage fee per day, said Kenny Savage, the general manager of Airport Towing.

“Washington state legisla-tures set the rates,” Savage said. “All the rates are on file with the courts, so [every towing company] is the same.”

[Highline] should provide adequate parking for your stu-dents,” Morrison said. “I even see cars in there with parking permits, so my assumption is that the school doesn’t provide enough parking for the associ-ate population. It’s not fair for students to not have a place to park.”

Opinions about parking in unpermitted areas varied be-tween students.

“I had to choose between being late for a test or parking somewhere. I’m not supposed to,” said one student who asked to remain anonymous. “I took the risk because my grades mat-ter more to me than a ticket.”

For some students, seeing the tow truck in action was enough to scare them into new parking habits.

“I parked at Lowe’s a few times, but when I saw the cars being towed, I decided not to chance it anymore,” said Victo-ria, a first year student at High-line.

Instead of losing the nev-er-ending battle for parking, some students have decided to carpool and others chose to ar-rive earlier than usual to find a spot and beat the rush, they say.

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I am voting for Trump because he says what every-one is afraid to say,” said Lisa Stockton. “He may say some crazy things that even I don’t agree with, but he is honest and that is more than you can say about Hillary.”

Another student decided to support the controversial can-didate.

“This has been a hard de-ci-sion for me, but Trump sup-ports my core values,” said Erin Bates. “He is controversial but so are a lot of political people,” said Victor Matthews. “This country is so used to being babied. It’s time to get real about the issues. The world isn’t nice. Trump knows that.”

“Hillary’s history is bad; all the hiding and inconsistency. Trump is a businessman and would serve his presidency at a different angle than Hillary and he’s Republican,” Jack Connor said.

If a student decides their vote is going to Libertarian Gary Johnson.

They say Gary Johnson be-lieves in giving the power to the people to make their own decisions. Who they can marry, who can have a weapon, a group of students.

“Mr. Johnson wants to give us back as many freedoms as possible and that’s why I’m with him,” said student Gobi. Some students are undecided.

“This whole thing stresses me out because both of them haven’t really proved anything to me. They stay roasting each other instead of focusing on America and how things are going to be fixed,” said Es-beanita Dumo.

Another undecided voter is decisión. “I think it’s important to be informed before casting a vote, rather than base my decision off of assumptions, especially with heavy media influence,” said Yo Travis. A number of eligible voters said they were not voting.

“The election is rigged. The voice you think you have is actually non-existent,” said Devon Bea.

“This election is a joke,” said Jamal Lewis. “I refuse to waste brain cells on paying at-tention to it. I feel like we are screwed with either candidate. One student had a more optimistic view of the elec-tion.

“Even if the election is rigged, you shouldn’t throw your vote away, because what if it isn’t?” asked Jodi Maisel. The last day to register online to vote has expired. New voters can register in person up until 6 p.m., Oct. 31 at King County Election headquarters, 919 S.W. Grady Way in Renton.

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“We’ll also put it out on FlashAlert.net, which will let the media know,” Fender said. “But, text alert is the easiest.”

A powerful outage on cam-pus may be a larger, dis-trictwide problem that High-line officials have no control over, Fender said.

More than 3,000 people are signed up for the HC text alerts, Fender said.

“This may include snow or other weather warnings, campus closures, or on or off campus emergencies in the regional area, emergency drills, she said.

“Everything from envi-ronmental hazards to man-made hazards,” Fender said. “We only strictly use it for emergencies.”

According to the Associ-ated Press, “damaging winds could start arriving Thurs-day with predicted gusts of up to 50 mph.”

Thursday and Friday will be the weakest parts of the storm with several inches of rainfall projected along with high winds, according to the National Weather Service report. Saturday’s storm has been traced back to the ty-phoon Songda in the West-ern Pacific. It will peak in strength on Saturday.