Highline in solidarity with immigrants

Forum offers advice to undocumented residents

By Cinthia Velez-Regalado
Staff Reporter

Undocumented residents in the United States still have options when it comes to dealing with the Trump administration's efforts to deport them. However, if immigration officials should confront you, you should keep in mind several dos and don’ts.

These suggestions were among many offered at a forum Saturday in the Student Union aimed at helping undocumented residents.

Raul Alvarez, the development and communications coordinator of Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, made his presentation in Spanish. The room held double the number of people compared to the English language presentation.

Jorge I. Barón, the executive director of Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, spoke in Mt. Constance in English.

“There is no illegal person, there is only undocumented people,” said Alvarez.

Tell your children the truth if you’re undocumented, said Alvarez.

“Children need to know the truth. How many cases have we heard about parents getting picked up by immigration and never picking up their children from school,” said Alvarez. “Never let children open the door if it’s an immigration officer.”

“Don’t stand behind the door. Always stand to the side of the door, in case they knock it down. That way they don’t say you were preventing them from coming into the household. That way you could probably sue them for barging into your household,” said Alvarez.

Every day that you spend worrying about the president, it’s a day that you didn’t spend with your children and family,” said Alvarez.

Attendees said they appreciated the suggestions.

Highline safe for now, congressman predicts

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Highline won’t lose federal funding for refusing to provide student information to immigration officials, a congressman from the Southwest King County area said.

“From a legal standpoint [the executive order is] only targeting, as I understand it, municipalities or counties that say ‘We are not going to have our law enforcement officials, No. 1: check documentation, and No. 2: comply with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).’”

Construction at a standstill on student housing project

By Samuel Robbins
Staff Reporter

Construction on the Highline Place student housing project has been delayed and will not begin until May at the earliest, a Highline official said recently.

Previously planned for completion by Fall 2017, Highline Place has been delayed until 2018, said Michael Pham, vice president of Administrative Services.

“The development cycle is dependent on the progress of the developer and the contractor, and they haven’t given a schedule,” Pham said.

“Highline does not have a part in the development cycle. When the development is finished, we will lease it,” he said.

The developer and contractor did not respond to requests for an interview.

The proposed 56,000-square-foot building will offer dorm-like units to house approximately 160 international students.

Construction is expected to take 12-18 months, pushing the occupancy date to Summer 2018 or later.

“We are also taking other pending developments into account, including the recently opened 42,000-square-foot dorm for international students,” said the official.

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Crime & Punishment

Vehicle thefts on the rise
By Will Otto
Staff Reporter
Two vehicles were stolen from the east lot last Friday. Both vehicles were older Honda Civics and were taken on Feb. 3 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

If you have a vehicle that is easy to steal you might want to invest in a club or some other form of anti-theft device, said Highline Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management David Menke.

Metro bus rear ends student
A Metro bus hit a student’s vehicle last Wednesday.
The student attempted to drive around the bus in the east lot.

At the same time the bus started to pull forward.
The bus struck the back of the student’s car and caused minimal damage and no injuries on Feb. 1 at 11:35 a.m.

Parking mishap turns aggressive
Non-students were parked in a handicapped spot last Friday.
The individuals were parked in a handicapped spot in the east lot without having the handicap permit on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

The individuals were asked to leave by Highline Public Safety officials. They were verbally aggressive but left without incident.

Vandal targets Building 99

Highline Public Safety officials were called to a report of vandalism on Building 99 on Feb. 1 at 2:45 p.m.

Upon arrival Public Safety officials could not locate the vandalism that was reported and left the scene.

Fatal crash in Federal Way

FEDERAL WAY (AP) — One person was killed when a vehicle swerved off the 320th Street from southbound 1-5 exit ramp into an icy retention pond in Federal Way.

Emergency crews responded to the scene at about 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 8.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Job interview tips for success
The Career and Student Employment center hosts a workshop on interviewing skills today from 1-2 p.m.

Chris Panganiban, CASE employment specialist, will discuss tips and techniques that will help you to be successful during job interviews.

Registration is required to attend the workshop. One can register at studentemployment.highline.edu/events/registration.

Students who attend a workshop get a free notebook; while supplies last.

CASE workshops are every Thursday, from 1-2 p.m. in Building 6, room 214.

For more information, visit studentemployment.highline.edu or call 206-592-3350.

Waive your spring tuition goodbye
Highline’s Achievement Scholarship program will award 15 full-time students tuition waivers for their Spring Quarter tuition.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off in Building 9.

Students who are taking at least 12 credits and have a college or high school GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply.

Running Start students, non-resident students and international students are not eligible.

Winning applicants will be notified by email by March 2. For more information, call 206-592-3301.

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Between the Lines Book Club is meeting to today at 2:35 p.m. in Building 8, room 302.

A former member of the police department will discuss Black Lives Matter versus Blue Lives Matter.

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The next Honors Colloquy event is on Feb. 22. Dr. Teri Balkenende, Highline history professor, will lead a discussion on factories and time management.

Colloquy events are from 12:15-1:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Learn how to dress for success
The Career and Student Employment center presents the Dress for Success Fashion Show on Feb. 15.

Faculty and staff will model professional attire that will help students decide what is appropriate wear in current and future career based situations.

The show will be in Building 7 from 1-2 p.m. Registration is required to attend.

One can register at studentemployment.highline.edu.

For more information, contact Chris Panganiban at cpangan@highline.edu or call 206-592-4026.

No need to fear taxes this year
Community members can get their taxes done for free this year thanks to a partnership between Highline and United Way of King County.

This service is available Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 20.

It is in Building 99, room 251. Participants must bring their social security cards, tax verification forms, photo ID and tax statements.

For more information, visit uwkc.org/taxhelp.

A Highline student discusses academic options at yesterday’s College Transfer Fair, where more than 30 four-year universities attended.
Honors students told to dive into their pursuits

By Samuel Robbins

You must take the time to look at what you’re meant to be doing and dive into your purposes, a former Highline employee said last week.

Noory Kim is a Highline alumnus and was previously the leadership development coordinator, she spoke at last week’s Honors Colloquy.

Honors Colloquy is a series of weekly lectures open to all of the Highline community. Topics relate to annual themes relevant to student learning.

“Much of your life is dependent on time and the conflict between internal and external time,” she said.

External time is everything that happens around you, ranging from your family to your world.

Internal time is what goes on inside your head and how it feels in relation to external forces.

Everyone has their own internal biological clock,” Kim said.

Kim instructs everyone to do the following exercise.

Imagine a timeless space. Draw a circle. On the inside of that circle write what your inner world would look like without external forces weighing down on you,” she said.

“What activities are you doing? Who is there? Is there a sense of purpose?” Kim asked.

“Time can be like your enemy,” she said.

She said that everyone is ruled by four different forces:

• What society wants you to do.
• What society wants you to make money.
• What you are good at.
• What you love to do.

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By Brooks Schaefer

Highline students said they generally enjoyed having an unexpected snow day on Monday.

Classes were closed Monday due to significant snow in the lowland areas of Western Washington, representing one of the few times in the last decade that the college has had to cancel classes. Most classes resumed Tuesday, but only after a two-hour late start so grounds crews could remove some snow from the parking lots.

Most students didn’t seem to have any problems with missing classes, or tests they had, as it gave them an extra day to do their homework and study.

“Not having to do homework was pretty awesome,” one student said.

The only problem most students seem to have had with the snow day is that they couldn’t go anywhere, as the roads were so icy.

“I had to stay at home and take care of my kids, and I couldn’t do any homework,” said one student. Eventually, she tried to drive somewhere. “And then I got stuck in the snow.”

Students said the amount of snow where they live ranged from 2-6 inches. Power was also out for 93,000 Puget Sound Energy customers in King County for several hours Monday morning.

People reported anywhere from 5 inches in Burien to nearly 7 in Federal Way, and higher totals the further one traveled east into the Cascade Mountains.

Snow activity continued to affect campus on Tuesday. Parking lots were relatively empty as some opted not to drive, while some of those who did make it to campus made use of the snow by having a snowball fight in the courtyard outside of Building 8. The fight was quickly broken up by Public Safety officers.

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Otherwise known as the you only live once, or YOLO, lifestyle,” she said.

Kim said that it’s dangerous to focus on one of any four of these and that you must find a middle ground.

“A job will give you what society wants for you, money.”

“A career is to find something that society wants for you and find a way to do it while doing something you love,” she said.

What you are looking to find, Kim said, is a purpose. A deeply connected thing that reaches all four forces.

“My hope is to lead you to question. Your purpose is to live out that question,” she said.

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Campus Life
Police forces need diversity

A city’s police force should be a direct reflection of the public they serve. Demographic diversity is lacking in police departments throughout many cities in Washington state.

Statistics in a Thunderword story published on Jan. 26 showed that cities such as Kent, Federal Way, and Des Moines have police forces that are overwhelmingly white. Statistics like these are common across the United States; the police force does not reflect the diversity of the communities they serve.

Cities with minority-majority populations tend to have police forces with very low percentages of minority officers, according to a New York Times study.

This needs to change. If community members see themselves reflected in the police force, an officer’s authority will no longer seem like a threat to one’s safety.

By having more officers of minority backgrounds, it could reduce tensions between citizens and officers.

There may be more of a cultural understanding between people of the same ethnicity; something the law cannot communi-
cate.

Diversity in the backgrounds and experience of officers can bring a variety of perspectives to the field, which may be lacking. While a few bad cops can ruin the idea of justice for all, it is important to remember that officers are people, too.

Often times, social problems avalanche onto officers. It is undoubtedly a tough job that includes making crucial decisions under pressure.

Diversity should not only focus on race; there should also be gender diversity in the police.

Due to traditions in both backgrounds, it is not common for women or minorities to join law enforcement.

When hiring new officers, the goal is to always hire the person most qualified. If the goal is broadened to include greater diversity, the competition will increase for everyone attempting to get into the field.

Many police departments are actively looking to diversify their force; they are aware of the need for officers other than white males.

Of course, they cannot fire half of their department just to hire non-white officers. There are many valuable employees who happen to be white.

The color of an officer’s skin should not take away from their authority or take away from the respect we show them. While police departments should be commended for their efforts to increase the number of officers with different cultures and genders within the force, we hope they continue these ac-
tions and always strive for diversity.

Guest Commentary

Allison Reibel

looking at. The library at John Hopkins University breaks in-
formation into four categories in their guide for evaluating in-
formation:

Information: Information is usually what we are seeking. It tells us something or communi-
cates something to us.

Propaganda: Propaganda is commonly misused and mis-
understood. While propaganda may be based on fact, it is biased and presented in a self-serving way. It is often used to promote a person or idea, without being explicit about its intentions.

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ly untrue. When someone you know shares a meme on social media, they may be inadver-
tently spreading false information. This is misinformation because, while it is not true, it is spread by mistake rather than by design.

Disinformation: Fake news is disinformation. Its intention is to mislead and it is doing so knowingly. It is knowingly not based on fact.

If you aren’t sure about the intentions of the site or writer, or whether what they’re saying is accurate, there are tools that can help.

Websites like FactCheck.org and Snopes.com are dedicat-
ted to checking and proving (or disproving) rumors, political speeches, and viral stories.

There is also a Google Chrome extension that, when added to your browser, will alert you if you are on a site known for posting fake news.

As with any information need, we encourage all of our campus community to come see us in the library in Building 25. You can also call us at 206-
992-2323 during open hours or contact us via chat 24/7.

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Women's wear dresses up new exhibit

By Lezlie Wolff  Staff Reporter

Women's just-do-it attitude is revealed in a new exhibit at the White River Valley Museum. The Women's military uniforms of the 20th Century: The Pajama Game is now being shown at the museum on H Street. The exhibit opens on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., and admission is $12 for adults and $20 for adults with a group of 10 or more.

The exhibit features uniforms from the 1910s to the 21st century. It includes photographs and artifacts from various wars and conflicts, as well as a timeline of women's roles in the military.

The exhibit is open for viewing until March 5 at the museum, which is located at 918 H St. SE, Auburn. For more information, visit wrvmuseum.org.

The Kentwood Performing Center hosts The Irish Rovers, who are celebrating 50 years of music and performances. The show is on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m., and admission is $17 for general admission, $12 for students and seniors, and $18 for everyone else. The show is on at 1308 5th Ave., Seattle. For more information, visit seattle5thavenue.org.

Auburn Avenue Theater hosts its monthly Comedy at the Ave, where three comedians will perform their routines in one night. The show is ages 18 and older only. Tickets are $15 for students and seniors, and $16 for everyone else. The show is on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are available at brownpapertickets.com. For more information, visit auburnwa.gov.

Burien Actor's Theatre presents Sex with Strangers by Laura Eason, a boldly comic play about modern love. Tickets are $20 for general admission, $17 for seniors, $10 for students, and $12 for groups with 10 or more. The show runs from Feb. 10 to Mar. 5 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday's at 2 p.m. For more information, visit burienactorstheatre.org.

The Foster Arts Performing Center hosts the Raineri Symphony, they will be performing their concert, Courage and Freedom. Tickets are $17 for general admission, $12 for students (ages 13+), and $6 for seniors (ages 62+), and free for ages 12 and under. The show is on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 12 at 3:00 p.m. at 4242 S. 144th St., Tukwila. For more information, visit rainerisymphony.org.

The Kentwood Performing Arts Center hosts The Irish Rovers, who are celebrating 50 years of music and performances. The show is on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., and admission is $12 for students (ages 18-25.) The Thursday special knocks down prices to $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, and $2 for children and seniors. For more information, visit wrvmuseum.org.

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Students recall mixed experiences on the annual day of love

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

Valentine’s Day can be the best or the worst day of the year, some Highline students say. For some, the day just didn’t work out the way they planned.

“I was nervous, I was walking up the stairs to her and asked her to be my Valentine. Her eyes got so big and her face got red, she was blushing really hard,” Davis said.

“I kept singing to her and asked again, and she nodded her head,” Davis said.

“The worst Valentine’s Day. I kept singing to her and answered the door, it was my crush. I was all red in the face, I’d do anything to see her, a year or two, and we weren’t even at the point where we were dating. We were just good friends,” Ramirez said.

“Normally O’Dowd always gives them to me. This year I didn’t even have any memories of the day didn’t even mention it.”

“Some students said their best memories of the day didn’t even involve dates. "I actually have never been in a relationship before, but about two years ago me and my friends did a Valentine’s Day, said student Emily Huyah.

“We started exchanging little cards and stuff. We were together, we had a sleepover. It’s pretty much our tradition now,” she said.

“It was me and two of my closest friends, we went out to Olive Garden and just had a girl’s night out,” said Highline student Hasini Karunanayake.

“It was really fun, because one of my friends is on a mission trip right now, so we don’t know when we’ll get to do it again. It was really memorable.”

Local Valentine’s Day events spice up the weekend

By Izzy Anderson
Staff Reporter

This weekend features several local Valentine’s themed events:

• The Northwest Symphony Orchestra will be performing a romantic set for their Valentine’s Concert.

Renowned soloist Sown Le Choi will be playing Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1 with the orchestra.

Also being performed is an original composition, Anniversary Overture by Roger Treece.

Finally, the concert will feature Beethoven’s Symphony No. 4.

The performance is on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Highline Performing Arts Center, 401 S. 152nd St. in Burien.

Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and seniors (ages 65+), and tickets are $12 when bought in groups of ten or more. Tickets are available at 206-242-6321.

• Crazy in Love - Bringing Romance Back to Valentine’s Day is a seminar being held by South Sound Counseling and Consultation.

This seminar is designed to help you and your significant other learn how to feel loved all year around.

This date night seminar will also include games, food, and prizes.

It will be on Feb. 10 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at 31919 1st Ave. S. in Federal Way. Tickets are $149. For more information, go to eventbrite.com.

• Artsy Fartsy Art Lessons is hosting Couples Sugar Skull Paint Night for Valentine’s Day. This date night will include a lesson, supplies for your heart-themed sugar skulls, and tasty Cuban cuisines.

The event is 21+ only, and will be at 218 W. Meeker St., Kent. There is limited space. You can get tickets now at 253-236-5005.

• The Federal Way Community Center is hosting a Daughter’s Night Out where you can treat your little girl to a night of desserts, music, and refreshments.

Flower and pictures will be available to buy as well. The two sessions will be on Feb. 11.

Session one will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for little girls ages 2-6.

Session two will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for ages 6+.

Tickets are $25 per couple and $10 extra for every added girl. Pre-registration can be done at allhappenshere.org.

• Marlene’s Market Deli is hosting Gluten Free Valentine’s Day, where you can learn how to cook delicious gluten-free foods that you and your loved one’s can enjoy.

There will be a time for Q&A, an interactive self-assessment, and gluten-free treats and tips.

The event is free and will be on Feb. 11 at 10 a.m.-noon at 2951 S. 38th St., Federal Way.

• Cupid’s Undie Run will be a mile-long fun run, with a party taking place before and afterwards. Undies are encouraged, but you can come in any attire.

The event is to raise funds for the Children’s Tumor Foundation. The run will be on Feb. 11 at 7:30 a.m. at 731 Westlake Ave. N., Seattle and the party starts at noon and the run officially closes at 4 p.m.

Tickets are $35, you can buy them at cupidundierun.org.
T-Birds let another game slip away

By Chentay Warnes
Staff Reporter

With the Highline men’s basketball team losing for the second time in a row, they dropped down to sixth place out of eight teams in the NWAC Western Division.

Last Wednesday the T-Birds lost 69-58 against Tacoma College. Highline’s top scorer was Jamie Orme with 27 points, followed by Austin Anderson with 13 points.

Highline out-rebounded Tacoma 47-39. Leading the T-Birds with 10 grabs under the basket were Orme and Anderson with six rebounds each.

In the first half of the game Tacoma led 34-29. In the second half, Tacoma also edged the T-Birds 35-29. The top scorers for Tacoma were Kahleel Wyatt with 16 points and Khalil Thompson with 14.

The T-Birds had 12 turnovers, which Tacoma converted into nine points. Tacoma had nine turnovers and Highline was able to get 7 points from that.

Highline got 16 points from its bench and Tacoma had eight.

“We should have won. We were too inefficient offensively,” said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson.

The T-Birds are 2-5 and sitting at six place in the Western Division. The team is on a two-game losing streak.

Despite Orme’s efforts the T-Birds were too inefficient offensively,” Dawson said.

Jamie Orme had been suffering from an MCL sprain in his knee but he rehabbed it and got it back to 100 percent. It feels great. I think I’ll finish up strong,” Orme said.

Highline lost 72-51.

Next Highline has an away game and will play against South Puget Sound, Highline lost 72-51.

With the top scorer Orme back in the game it could be a different outcome.

“We should be focused on being more efficient offensively and correcting our defensive breakdowns,” coach Dawson said.

Next Wednesday, Feb. 15, the T-Birds will have an away game against Grays Harbor. The last Highline faced them, Grays Harbor won 50-47.

The results from Wednesday’s game against Centralia were unavailable at press time.

Highline’s No. 1 scorer is back on the court

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

His health restored, the Highline men’s basketball team’s No. 1 scorer and rebounder is back on the court. Six-foot seven-inch wing Jamie Orme had been suffering from an MCL sprain most of this season, but he has still managed to lead the team in several categories such as points and rebounds.

Orme averages 18 points per game and 10 rebounds per game.

“I was out because of an MCL sprain in my knee but I rehabbed it and got it back to 100 percent. It feels great. I think I’ll finish up strong,” Orme said.

Despite Orme’s efforts the T-Birds are 2-5 and sitting at sixth place in the Western Division. The team is on a two-game losing streak.

“I don’t like the results we’re getting this year,” Orme said.

“We have a tough schedule ahead of us but we’re ready for it and I think we’re all excited. That being said, I love the group of guys on the team and I can’t wait to see what we can do together,” Orme said.

The T-Birds have seven games left to move up in their division if they want to compete in the playoffs.

“I think after these last few practices coach made adjustments that’s going to help us win going further. Our team’s mindset is focused on winning the next seven games we have left on the season,” he said.

Orme gets his perseverance from his father, he said.

“He’s been going to all of my games since I started recreational basketball in fourth grade all the way up to now. Sometimes I feel like I owe him the world. He inspires me to become the kind of father he was for me, when that part comes later in my life,” he said.

“I’ve been playing since I was in the second grade,” Orme said. “Growing up with my older brothers they would always beat me up in the sport. But the older I got, the closer our games would be, which led to my favorite part about the sport, the competitive nature in basketball.”

Although Orme has been supported by his father and brothers, “there was a couple of times I thought about quitting,” he said.

“Coming out of high school [I almost thought about quitting] when I couldn’t accept any division 1 offers I’ve received because of not being an NCAA qualifier, which is the reason why Highline is my second chance,” he said.

Orme came out of Seattle’s O’Dea High School where he was recruited by the Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. Orme was No. 1 scorer and rebounder at his high school.

“Jamie is very talented. He has to put consistent focus into the things he does control; his sense of urgency, work ethic and demonstrating the necessary level of self-discipline on and off the court,” Dawson said.

The T-Birds next game is on Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. at South Puget Sound.
Highline misses a shot at second

By Thanavin Chum
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds missed their chance at moving on to the second seed in the division when they lost to the Tacoma Titans, 69 – 58.

The loss left them in third place with a 4 – 3 record.

The T-Birds could not slow down Titan sophomore Guard Bobbi Westendorf. She scored 24 points along with 14 total rebounds. She also made four of 11 three pointers.

Westendorf averaged 21 points per game coming into the game against the T-Birds.

“We were aware of Bobbi’s 21 points per game average. Our coaches didn’t and don’t usually focus on specific players going into games but, they let us know who their threats are,” said T-Bird guard Anna Cook.

On top of that, three other players for the Titans were in double figures, and only two for the T-Birds, sophomore forward Jasmine Hansgen and freshman guard Ariel Miller both finished the game with 11 points.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you’ll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don’t really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you’ll get through them all.
Study your Pacific Islander roots

Pacific Islanders Club encourages academic success and celebrates culture

By Roseline Collins  Staff Reporter

The No. 1 mission of the Pacific Islanders Club is that members have fun and learn to develop good relationships with each other, said the club’s president.

Fuifui Ah Kuoi, a second-year student at Highline, said that club members have been working to change the image of the club.

“[Some people] think our club is [just] about hanging out or not getting any work done,” she said.

Ah Kuoi said the purpose of the club is the exact opposite as it encourages members to come to school, help each other both in and out of the club, and be good role models for peers and high school students who have chosen to attend Highline.

The club has done many great things together, said Ah Kuoi, such as taking a field trip to a museum, going to the movies, performing public service, and presenting performances throughout the community.

Kaitlen Taoipu, the vice president of the club, said she is grateful for the relationships she has built because before the club she only had a limited number of connections at Highline. Now she has created many friends.

“I hope this club grows, not only because we would like more Pacific Islander students [to join] but to grow academically,” she said.

Taoipu said that though the club participates in many dances, the club is actively focused on the academic growth of its members.

“We are really trying hard to let other Pacific Islander members know we are here,” she said.

The leaders of the club host study workshops Mondays through Thursdays every week from 1:30-3:20 p.m. in Building 10, room 102. Fridays are workshops to practice for upcoming performances or events.

Nestor Enguerra, the retention specialist for the college’s Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution, also serves as an advisor of the club and said he values working with the group since last fall.

“They are a group of students trying to understand themselves and their roots,” he said.

Enguerra said that he appreciates how Highline accepts the cultures of others and he encourages his students to use the power of their own heritage to connect with peers in the school and their community.

“I want them to know that they have importance, value and knowledge,” he said.

Make money with mutual funds

By Barinder Sandhu  Staff Reporter

Students, particularly those with a limited income, can accumulate wealth over time through mutual funds, a Highline Business instructor said last week.

Bill Webster is a broker for American Mutual Funds and has been an instructor at Highline since 1968.

He presented on Feb. 1 to the Students Small Capital Investments Club, which is a small group of people who put their money together and let a professional handle and invest that money.

That process is called a mutual fund.

“You put your money in with John, Joe and Jane and hand it over to a specialist to manage and invest that money,” Webster said.

You don’t need a lot of money to get involved in mutual funds, he said. Many people start out with small payments initially.

“A lot of people don’t have a lump sum of money to invest with, mutual funds allow you to put in small increments of money each month,” Webster said.

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From a handout from the University of Washington, Webster showed the comparisons between an individual investor versus an investment company. He explained how an investment company is a full-time job whereas individual investors try to manage their investments in their spare time.

An investment company has an average of 35 people working seven hours a day each on investments: 245 man hours per day and 6,250 man hours per year, Webster said.

An individual investor spends 15 minutes per day, 94 hours per year,” he said.

Only a small percentage of individual investors have done as well in the stock market as their investment company. Competition has, he said.

“Eighty to 90 percent of the time my mutual fund clients do better than individual stocks [clients]. Whether you put in $50 or $500,000, your portfolio is being watched,” he said.

“Managers who put their own money in tend to work a little harder and smarter,” Webster said.

The stock market often fluctuates and is unpredictable, but over time the stock market has continuously grown and has an average positive rate of increase.

There isn’t a lot of risk if you put in the same amount of money each month in mutual funds, Webster said.

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The development site of Highline Place is on the west side of Pacific Highway on South 236th Street.

The site is immediate north of the north entrance to the campus near Baskin-Robbins.

Sound Transit will soon commence construction on the extension of light rail between its Angle Lake Station at South 200th Street and a Highline College Station near South 233rd Street on the east side of Pacific Highway South.

This project could affect construction of Highline Place.

Construction of Highline Place has been greatly anticipated by officials of the college’s International Students Program.

Each quarter more than 500 international students enroll at the college.

Housing for international students is dispersed over a wide area, and often far from campus.

Highline Place will provide concentrated housing immediately adjacent to campus.

“We’re still very interested. It’s a need for international students,” said Kathleen Hasselblad, executive director of International Programs and international student grants.

Club member Christalyn, who asked that her name not be used, said “The club is great. We all have a lot of fun not only when we meet on Tuesdays but also outside of our meetings. It has built amazing friendships for all of us since it has started and has only begun to grow since we have the support given to us by Nestor and Ekk [Ekk karath Sisavatdy, the director of the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution] through the study tables.”

The weekly activities of the club include: opening with a prayer, providing announcements and discussing opportunities happening around campus, doing ice breakers to get to get to know each other, eating food, and sometimes presenting PowerPoint presentations to each other’s cultures, said Ah Kuoi.

The club meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8, room 301 on the third floor.
Health of the Salish Sea depends on everybody

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

Humans are having a significant impact on the Salish Sea, which includes the Puget Sound, the coordinator of a beach watchers program said at last week’s Science on the Sound lecture.

Chrys Bertolotto, WSU Natural Resource programs manager, hosted a discussion at Highline’s MaST Center at Redondo on the diverse marine life that inhabits the Salish Sea, changes to the Salish Sea over time, and what can be done to keep those waters clean.

The Salish Sea stretches from northern Vancouver Island, south to Olympia and runs between the Cascade and Olympic Mountain ranges. The Salish Sea is defined as an estuary; a partially enclosed body of water that has one or more streams or rivers flowing into it and has an open connection to the sea.

It is home to 26 kinds of marine animals; more than 200 species of fish; includes the streams flowing into the marine waters; more than 200 species of birds; and thousands of species of invertebrates.

“Ninety percent of biomass in the Salish Sea is plankton. A glass of water from the Puget Sound can contain millions of plankton,” Bertolotto said.

During the last several hundred years, people have had a major impact on the Salish Sea, she said.

People living near or along the Salish Sea have cleared and burned areas, increasing the levels of runoff, which has had a direct impact on many of the species living in the sea.

“Farming has also had a major impact on the sea,” she said.

Many historic estuaries were lost in efforts to propagate crops.

Estuaries were drained for soil and later used for farming. “This is one of the many conflicts between people and nature,” Bertolotto said.

These human impacts have caused disturbances within the Salish Sea ecosystem. Beyond human influences, there are naturally occurring phenomena that also have an effect on the Salish Sea.

Seas, lakes and oceans accumulate sediment over time. Sediment is a material that is naturally occurring and is broken down by erosion and weathering.

Sediments contribute to the ecosystem in a positive way. However, too much sediment can have a negative effect.

When road waste, human and animal waste, and medication become out of balance in sediments, it can severely impact an ecosystem.

As a community or individually, there are many steps we can take to repair and keep the Salish Sea clean and healthy, Bertolotto said.

Some of these steps include properly managing waste; planting and retaining trees; buying local products and sustainably harvested foods; properly disposing of chemicals, medication and other hazardous waste; composting food rather than putting it in the disposal; and fixing car leaks.

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There are local resources that can help people to easily accomplish these steps, Bertolotto said.

Select Bartell Drugs and Rite Aid pharmacies will take left-over medications and properly dispose of them. Police stations take left-over or unwanted narcotics.

Whether you ingest medications or flush them down the toilet, they eventually reach the Salish Sea and can cause an imbalance in the ecosystem.

It’s important to properly dispose of medications because they can get into our waters and can potentially harm the inhabitants, Bertolotto said.

There are several efforts under way to help protect the Salish Sea. For more information on medication and narcotic disposal, visit takeback.org.

Don’t Drip and Drive, a Washington state regional campaign, offers free leak inspections for vehicles and workshops that can help you learn about your car and how to fix leaks.

For more information, visit fixcarleaks.org.

Household hazardous Waste Facilities will take hazardous waste and dispose of it for free. The nearest facility is located in Seattle at 12550 Stone Ave N.

Science on the Sound events are once a month and begin at noon. The next event is on March 4, and is about local and international examples of our oceans changing.

For more information, visit mast.highline.edu/scienceon-

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For more information email Steve Letic at slettic@highline.edu

Chrys Bertolotto is the Beach Watcher and Shore Stewards coordinator at Washington State University.

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The order also included the suspension of Refugee Resettlement Program for 120 days. The order also included a temporary travel ban from countries of seven countries. The seven countries are Iran, Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Libya for 90 days. But among these countries, Syria is indefinitely suspended, said Barron. The excused said to justify this was that they needed to update their screening process, he said.

Baron informed everyone of their rights commonly forgotten by immigrants.

“Know your rights, you have a right to right to labor protections,” said Barron. “Some people can be released on a bond.” DACA will be ended, said Barron. DACA is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, was an executive order signed by President Barack Obama, which allowed undocumented people that came to the United States to receive a permit to legally and go to school. It is highly unlikely that they will start deporting people that had DACA, he said.

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King County is a sanctuary community, said Baron. “They won’t be felt now but later on in our communities,” said Baron. They will “happen over time. It won’t be felt immediately.”

Immigration and customs enforcement officers “narrow a warrant signed by a judge [in order to come into your house],” said Baron.

“You have a right to a hearing. You have the right to explain why you should be able to stay here,” said Baron.

“You have a right to labor protection rights, you have a right to minimum wage,” he said.

“I know of a lot of the people that people stay silent and get taken advantage of because they’re undocumented,” said Baron.

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