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Local and international Highline students gathered at the Culture Cafe to socialize, play games, and learn about each other's cultures.

Cafe connects students

By Dylan You
Staff Reporter

With Culture Cafe, you needn't feel alone on campus.

International Leadership Student Council adviser Eva Engelhard said Culture Cafe helps students make new friends and learn about other cultures. Students play games and participate in group discussions.

"The goal is to help people feel comfortable discuss differences and identify similarities,"

Engelhard said.

"Every topic we discuss is focused on culture. We think culture is everything from race, to country and [more]," she said.

Last week, students were asked who they admire the most in their culture.

"The person I admire the most in my culture is Hayao Miyazaki. He's the one who really made Japan a big deal in animation," a Japanese student said.

"I'm from South Africa and to me, Nelson Mandela is the

first great person that comes to mind," said another student.

Both international and local students said they felt more connected to others after attending the event.

"As a Saudi Arabian, I feel a little lonely because there's not many Saudi Arabians at this college," said student Saleh Khamees. "People always want

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509 paves its way past campus

Lezlie Wolff
Staff Reporter

Washington State Department of Transportation officials expressed confidence that the State Route 509 and State Route 167, known as the Gateway Projects, will be completed in 2019.

"We have some information that we've prepared to help with public outreach efforts," said SR 509 Project Manager Omar Jepperson.

"We've developed a folio on each of the components of the Gateway Program," he said while spreading out a large map and the folios showing where the routes go, what the benefits are, and where the funding comes from.

SR 509 will connect to I-5 near the Kent/Des Moines Road intersection.

Information in the folios explain how the project is "important locally in the Puget Sound area for improving connections to the Port of Tacoma, and the Port of Seattle," Jepperson said.

The ports now make up the Northwest Seaport Alliance.

"It's important regionally for bringing goods through the ports," he said.

There will be a lot of change in the next several years as

Sound Transit will also be placing their Kent/Des Moines station [at Military Road South and Veterans Drive intersection]," Jepperson said.

"We're actually providing a connection to Veterans Drive, because Veterans Drive passes down into the valley as a freight route," he said.

"The idea is freight coming from the airport and the seaport will pass down the new 509, and be able to basically bypass the interchange, take some of the load off the interchange, and make this connection on Veterans Drive," he said.

Unfortunately, he said, it passes through Poulsbo RV.

"This connection is going to pass under I-5 and comes right through Poulsbo RV's showroom," Jepperson said. "That's where the impact occurs."

"We will have an intersection there like they do now. There's going to be an off-ramp that drops down to 516. It'll have additional capacity and more turning lanes," Jepperson said. "It won't be flying over. Sound Transit will go over 516."

"We also have some ramp improvements here that will

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Access Services acommodates needs

By Madelyn R. Brown
Staff Reporter

Micah Lusignan started losing his eyesight at 14 years old.

"I wasn't always like this," he said.

But it soon became his reality, as he learned to navigate high school with a visual impairment.

"They were willing to accommodate, but they didn't know how," said Lusignan.

Before Highline, "I [wasn't] aware of how much...was accessible to me."

With the help of Access Services, students such as Lusignan can get the accommodations they need to achieve their goals.

Now, as a certifiably blind student, Lusignan is on his way to academic success with a 3.7 GPA.

All "it takes [is students] realizing that there's nothing

wrong with asking for help," he said.

This can be a bit of a challenge, however.

"Disabilities are stigmatized in our culture," said Jenni Sandler, director of Access Services.

As a result, it's estimated that only 250 to 300 students regis-

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Student Micah Lusignan has been utilizing Access Services since his arrival at Highline.

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Stay aware with new HC text alerts

By Chase Cavalho
Staff Reporter

Colder than normal temperatures are expected this winter in the Northwest, due to La Niña weather patterns being forecast by National Oceanographic Aeronautical Administration.

El Niño and La Niña are weather patterns that are created by certain ocean activity.

In short, an El Niño generally means a warmer dryer winter in the Northwest and a La Niña signals a colder wetter winter.

With the likelihood of harsher winter conditions, power outages and campus closures can be anticipated.

That is prompting Highline’s Public Safety office to encourage students to sign up for HC text alerts.

HC text alerts are the best way for Public Safety officials to notify students of emergencies, campus closures and active situations on campus prior to students arriving on campus, said Sgt. George T. Curtis III

The decision to close campus is made by Vice President of Administration Michael Pham based upon consultation with Public Safety and the president of the college.

The text alerts are sent out quickly and reach people on the platform most everyone carries in their pockets every day.

The only alternative is to check the college website at which point students may already find themselves in the situation they could have avoided if an HC text was sent to their phone, Sgt. Curtis said.

HC texts are only sent for informative purposes and only pertinent information is sent out regarding emergencies, campus closures and situations of that nature. Highline does not give out phone information and records are kept only to Highline Public Safety.

To sign up go to Highline’s website, click the Public Safety link and there will be the button to sign up.

Highline sustains Green Week once again

By Jo Robinson
Staff Reporter

Organizers of Highline’s annual Green Week want people to learn to develop sustainable habits.

Green Week starts Oct. 30 and ends Nov. 3 and is a set of sustainability-related programs organized by members of the Sustainability Task Force. The task force is a group of Highline faculty and staff with a common goal of developing a strong culture for sustainability at Highline, and they have been putting on this event for quite some time.

“The Sustainability Task Force has been around longer than Green Week. At first, Green Week was around Earth Day in the spring, but it was better timing to have it be close to the November elections so that we could touch on initiatives or other important elections,” said

member of the Sustainability Task Force and Highline Economics and Statistics professor, Dr. James Peyton.

Green Week has been held open to the public at Highline since at least 2013 with apparently more than just reducing, reusing, and recycling on their mind.

“With the college focused on our sustainability core theme this year, the Sustainability Task Force wants to raise the profile of economic justice, so-

cial justice, and environmental quality as the three interdependent pillars of sustainability,” he said. “Personally, I always enjoy learning new things and expanding my understanding of sustainability.”

Last year there were nine different events ranging from chocolate sustainability to an ivy snip, and from growing your own food to the carbon tax initiative that was on the November ballot. The featured

speaker was Jeremy Nichols from the Mountain-West environmentalist group Wild Earth Guardians.

Organizers say they are still working out some of the workshops but here are a few of the ones that are happening: Sound Transit is getting involved with a presentation explaining the environmental issues impacting the Link light rail extension; biology professor Woody Moses will be giving a presentation on global warming; and a food tasting called Bite of Sustainability offers an open dialogue and taste of what sustainability in the future of Highline will look like.

According to their website students, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to get involved with the Sustainability Task Force if they care to join in the conversation of making sustainability a vital role in Highline’s future. Visit their website at sustainability.highline.edu.



FAFSA help is on the way

Financial aid experts from Highline will help students with filling out their FAFSA for the College Goal Washington program this weekend.

The program is hosted for students who need help filling out either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) for the 2017 –2018 or 2018 – 2019 academic years.

The event will be held on Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Building 7.

Visit the Highline College Financial Aid website at financialaid.highline.edu/ for more



information regarding the event.

Get ahead with expert help

Students can get support with writing their personal statements at the Personal Statement Workshop today.

The workshop will give insight on what personal statements are, tips on creating them, and connecting students

to campus resources that can help students more thoroughly.

The workshop will be held Oct. 26, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., in the library on the sixth floor.

Student advocates for inclusion

Students will have the opportunity to celebrate Disability Awareness Month on Thursday, Oct. 26.

This year’s theme is the Many Faces of Disability: Intersectionality and the Human Experience.

Helen Nash, a Highline student and disability advocate, will be the guest speaker for the event, featuring her presentation: The Intersections of Inclusion.

Students will also get the chance to participate in group discussions on topics such as equity, diversity, disability, and inclusion.

The event will be in Building 2, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Get funky with open mic night

There will be a monthly open mic hosted by the Highline Open Mic Club this Friday.

Students can perform spoken word, sing, rap, or anything that requires a mic on the last Friday of every month.

This event will be in Building 4, room 104. Doors will open at 2 p.m.

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30 Japanese families took refuge in the “Hunt House” post World War II in Seattle.

Unsettled/Resettled: Seattle’s Hunt Hotel on display in library

By Jennifer Barrera
Staff Reporter

During World War II many Japanese-Americans were taken from their homes and isolated in internment camps, based on their ethnicity.

Once released many had lost their homes. Between 1945 and 1959 many of these people were homeless and jobless. But some found a place to stay called the “Seattle Japanese Language School” later known as “Hunt House.”

About 30 families lived in Hunt House and had to learn how to live together and stay united as they coped with the crowded conditions.

An exhibit called “Unsettled/Re-

settled” is on display in Building 25, fourth floor. Works of art detailing the lives of those Japanese-Americans are displayed.

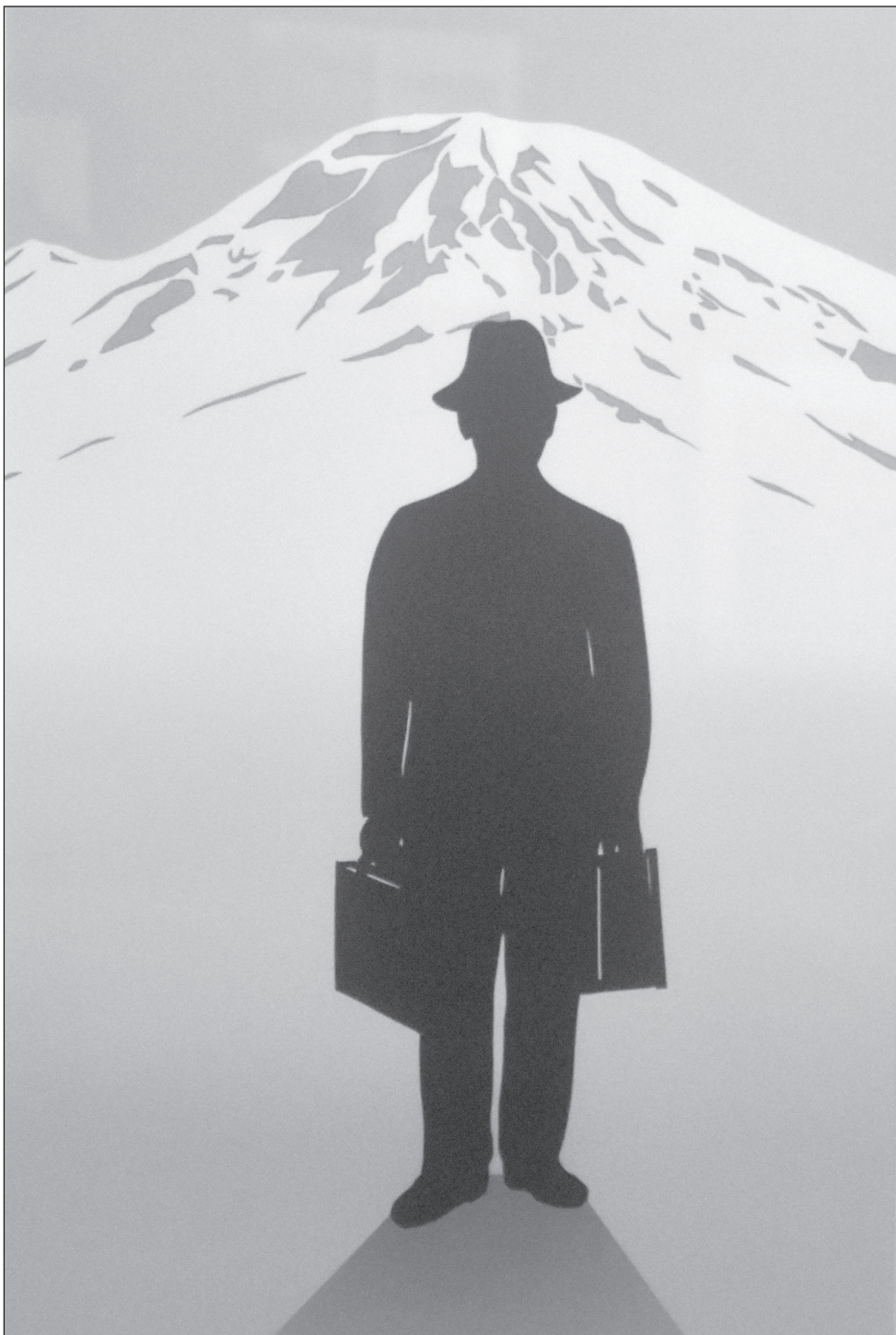
Jessica Lum works in the Library and is a 5th generation mixed-race Japanese-American. Members of her family were incarcerated.

Students should go and visit the exhibit to see how people were stereotyped by race, she said.

“In these political times we really need to be reminded of these stories,” Lum said.

She said people have to be united, not to repeat the past, and not be scared. The exhibit, she said, is a way of showing that people are not alone.

The exhibit runs until Dec. 15.



Japanese-Americans were left without jobs and homes after leaving internment camps.

TRiO here to help and tutor students

By Avery Burks
Staff Reporter

Highline’s TRiO program is getting the ball rolling for the 2017-18 academic year with its upcoming TRiO Kick-Off on Oct. 27 from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 2.

All TRiO enrolled students are encouraged to attend in order to receive the annual TRiO t-shirt, a Passion Planner, and free catered lunch.

TRiO is a federally funded program that provides low-income students with disabilities and first generation college students with the support and services that will assist in student success and persistence towards graduation.

The program’s goal is to help students eventually transfer to four-year universities through advising and tutoring services.

The TRiO program is in the TRiO Student Support & Retention Services Department in Building 6.

“The program is to act as a sort of homecoming. It’s also

a way to build a bridge with our new students with our returning ones” said Blia Xiong, TRiO program assistant.

Before attending you should register online at trio.highline.edu. Participatants will have the chance to listen to this year’s keynote speaker, Ranee Jones, a returning TRiO student who transferred to Seattle University.

Students will also receive a planner in order to help improve time management skills.

This year’s TRiO theme is a motto recommended for all full-time college students: “Nurture your potential,” said Xiong.

It speaks to say that at the end of the day, the No. 1 thing to do is to always remember to take time to care for yourself, she said.

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Thursday,
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12:15pm-1:15pm

Writing Center,
Bldg 25, 6th floor

Phones, social media rob us of our humanity and independence

Swipe down to refresh your newsfeed.
Swipe right for that Tinder match.
Swipe through Snapchat stories, simple as that. Rinse and repeat.

Life in the modern information age is designed to be easier for humans.

Easier to compile information with the computer. Easier to share that information over the internet. And now, easier to access it all through smart phones.

Unfortunately though, these inventions that were meant to streamline the physical world ended up tempting us into a world of push notifications and the social currency of likes.

While the power of the internet can be used as a tool to expand an individual's access to information and connect people, it must be understood that these services aren't free.

Further, as a user of social media you, are the product and corporations looking to advertise to you are the customers.

Social media ad spending increases every year and is expected to overtake the amount spent in newspapers by 2020.

With all that money, tech giants such as Facebook hire what they call attention engineers to construct the website and app with the plan to keep your fingers scrolling, liking and clicking on ads.

We live in a capitalist society, so really, the point of private companies is to expand and innovate to become worth as much money as possible by appealing to their customers.

As such, there is no problem with a company making their products as attractive as they can.

But, we as individuals, must limit ourselves to checking in with our phone screens in the same way we must limit food intake and alcohol ingestion.

Checking your phone constantly may seem like a harmless action built into the fabric of living in modern times, but in reality, a sizeable portion of us practically experience our world through the touchscreen at our fingertips.

You have likely seen it. At concerts, instead of a sea of raised hands and dancing bodies, crowds are filled with fans raising their phones in the air to get the perfect video or picture to post to Snapchat or Instagram.

When people spend more time in a world that primarily exists to market products, it is easy to see why we don't treat each other better.

The repetition of scrolling through an impossibly large amount of information every day changes the way you think, decisions must be made quickly about what you will share, read or comment on.

When this type of action is mixed with the relative anonymity of the internet and the ability to compare oneself to anyone online, it can be easy to stop living in the moment and stop treating each other as human beings.

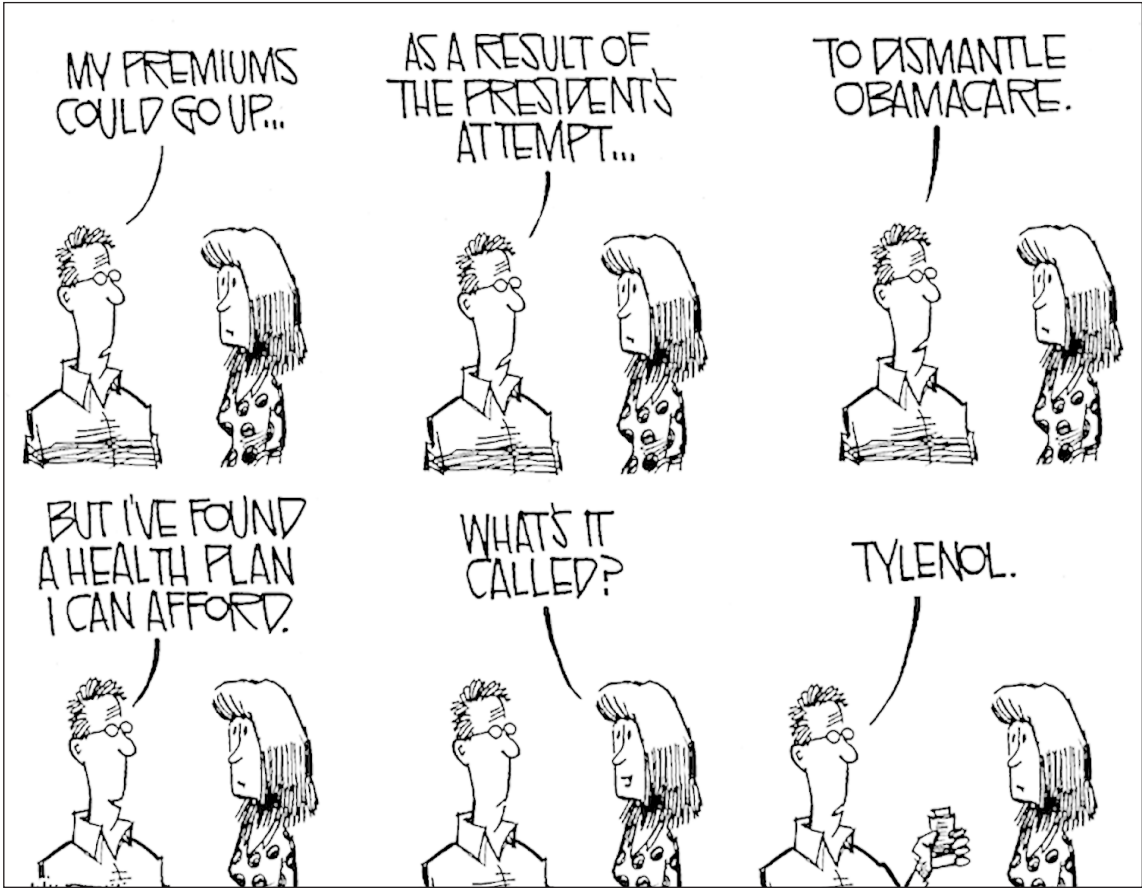
Don't be a slave to your devices.

Have something to say? Write to us

The Thunderword asks for students and all members of the campus community to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We're accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 200 words; columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send all submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.



Local elections matter

If you had to choose whether to make your city a better place for you to live in, or make it worse, which would you choose?

If you aren't a masochist, the answer is probably the former.

Surprise—you do get the choice when you vote for local government. Elections are under way right now, with the final day to turn in your ballot Nov. 7.

In our day and age, when we think politics it is easy to conjure up thoughts about elected officials the average citizen doesn't know, talking about issues that could very well have no impact on those same average citizens.

We have all heard the phrase "I don't vote because politics don't impact me personally."

While that may be true to an extent on a national scale, it



Spring into thought



Stephen Springer

isn't a very good excuse closer to home.

Of all the choices in government you get as a U.S. citizen, local government impacts your day-to-day life the most because it manages things like how much you pay in taxes, employs first responders such as police and fire as well as being responsible for that annoying pothole down the street that hasn't been filled.

This same small scope gives you the greatest chance to make changes in the way your city is run.

Instead of grumbling quietly to yourself as you blow another shock in your car because that pothole still hasn't been filled in, go out and vote. Make friends with neighbors and figure out what candidates would serve your best interests.

Even if politics, voter's pamphlets and circling bubbles on an absentee ballot are excruciatingly painful for you, it is less painful than your interests being ignored by your neighbors serving in your local government.

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I prefer the term 'under-qualified learner.'



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by Linda Thistle

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10. INVENTIONS: Where was inventor Alexander Graham Bell born?

1. SCIENCE: What is the first element on the Periodic Table?
2. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of King Arthur's sword?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the most moons?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is host to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial?
5. CHEMISTRY: What two elements is the alloy bronze usually made of?
6. GAMES: In Scrabble, what is the value of the letter Z?
7. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Hawaii?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones are in the world?
9. GOVERNMENT: How

- Answers
1. Hydrogen
 2. Excavator
 3. Jupiter with at least 67
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 5. Copper and tin
 6. 10 points
 7. Honolulu
 8. More than 24
 9. 538
 10. Scotland

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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3 Light purple
4 Doctor's due
44 Inauguration recitation
46 Mine entrance
50 Captivate
52 Intertwine
54 Swear (to)
55 Like thunder
56 Prolonged

- 18 If all else fails
21 Zoo favorite
23 "Help!"
24 Thanksgiving veggie
25 Unclose
26 Modern
28 Spreads thickly
30 Shelter
31 Preceding
33 Legislation
34 " — Little

- 42 Carrots' partners
43 Con
45 — and letters
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48 Capri or Wight
49 Biblical possessive
51 "Family Guy" daughter
53 Enthusiast

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty continues to impress everyone who needs reassurance about a project. But be careful you don't lose patience with those who are still not ready to act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Pushing others too hard to do things your way could cause resentment and raise more doubts. Instead, take more time to explain why your methods will work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be more considerate of those close to you before making a decision that could have a serious effect on their lives. Explain your intentions and ask for their advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might have to defend a workplace decision you plan to make. Colleagues might back you up on this, but it's the facts that will ultimately win the day for you. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's co-workers might not be doing enough to help get that project finished. Your roars



might stir things up, but gentle purrr-suasion will prove to be more effective.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone you care for needs help with a problem. Give it lovingly and without judging the situation. Whatever you feel you should know will be revealed later.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you're to be admired for how you handled recent workplace problems, be careful not to react the same way to a new situation until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your keen instincts as well as the facts at hand when dealing with a troubling situation. Be patient. Take things one step at a time as you work through it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your curiosity leads you to

ask questions. However, the answers might not be what you hoped to hear. Don't reject them without checking them out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to tackle a problem without sufficient facts. Even sure-footed Goats need to know where they'll land before leaping off a mountain path.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Appearances can be deceiving. You need to do more investigating before investing your time, let alone your money, in something that might have some hidden flaws.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent stand on an issue could make you the focus of more attention than you would like. But you'll regain your privacy, as well as more time with loved ones by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a good friend and a trusted confidante. You would be a wonderful teacher or a respected member of the clergy.

Weigh the wonders of winter squash

I used to look at the hard, oddly shaped exteriors of winter squash and pass them by, mainly because I had no idea what to do with them. Then I discovered that winter squash are actually easy to prepare and are a healthy addition to any meal.

They're also a good source of vitamins A and C, potassium and fiber. Even better, one-half cup of cooked winter squash has only 40 calories.

Winter squash are picked when fully mature and the skin is thick. This thick skin is inedible, and is designed to provide a protective covering for the squash.

It also allows for a long storage life in cool or cold weather. Winter squash can be stored for three months or longer in a cool, dry place, preferably in a single layer.

Three of the most common winter squash are butternut, spaghetti and acorn squash. Butternut squash is tan in color and has a long, bell-like shape. Spaghetti squash is oblong or



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Winter squash are nutritious and delicious.

oval in shape and yellow in color. Acorn squash gets its name because it is shaped like an acorn. It is dark green in color and has a ridged rind or skin.

When shopping, look for squash that are heavy for their size, free of soft spots and have a dull sheen (a shiny skin is an indicator the squash is not fully mature).

With a few selection and preparation tips for preparing winter squash, you can create delicious and flavorful dishes all season long.

All types of winter squash can be baked in the same way, but not prepared the same. All winter squash bake well. Cut the squash in two, scoop out the seeds and brush the cut surface with oil. (The hard shell of the

squash can be difficult to cut in two, so be sure to have a sharp, heavy-duty knife.) Place the cut side down in a baking dish with 1/4 cup of water. Bake uncovered at 350 F until the flesh is soft.

Spaghetti squash isn't used in recipes in the same way as other winter squash. It was given that name because of its spaghetti-like interior. Once cooked, use a fork to peel the flesh away from the skin to form long strands like spaghetti. You can serve it with any type of pasta sauce, in the same way you would serve spaghetti noodles.

Butternut or acorn squash can be used interchangeably in recipes. Once cooked and

cooled, they can be scooped out and stuffed, or peeled away from the skin, cut into cubes and used in soups, stews and casseroles along with other vegetables.

This recipe for Acorn Squash Filled with Cider Spiced Apples uses this winter squash in a flavorful way that serves up beautifully and pairs well with pork or chicken. It's the perfect fall side dish!

ACORN SQUASH FILLED WITH SPICED APPLES

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 small (1 pound each) acorn squash
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch dice
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup or brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1. Set oven at 400 F. Using 2 tablespoons of the melted butter, coat the bottom of a shallow 3 or 4 quart baking dish.
2. Cut a thin slice off both ends of each squash. Halve squash horizontally. Scoop out the seeds. Place squash halves

in the baking dish with the cut sides up. Brush with 1 tablespoon butter and sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon of the salt and the pepper. Set pan aside.

3. In a large bowl, combine the apples, 1/4 cup of cider, the maple syrup or brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Divide the apples among the squash halves, distributing the excess liquid among them evenly. Drizzle with the remaining tablespoon of the butter and sprinkle with the remaining nutmeg.

4. Pour the remaining 1 1/4 cups of cider into the baking dish. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 1 1/4 hours until the apples are tender. Serves 4.

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Heat up your Halloween with candy corn fudge

These colorful treats from the Woman's Day Kitchen may sound super sweet, but a few key ingredients keep them balanced: cream cheese for tanginess, pretzels for a salty kick and dried cherries (or cranberries) for a touch of tartness.

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups white chocolate chips (about 18 ounces)
- 2 cups mini pretzels or broken pretzel pieces
- 1 cup dried cherries
- 1 cup candy corn

1. Line an 8- or 9-inch square pan with 2 sheets of parchment paper, leaving an overhang on all sides.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and sugar in a large bowl until smooth, about 2 minutes; beat in the vanilla.
3. Meanwhile, melt the choc-

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- olate in the microwave according to package directions.
4. Add the melted chocolate to the cream cheese mixture and beat until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Fold in the pretzels and cherries. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and top with the candy corn. Refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours and up to 2 days.
 5. Using the overhangs, transfer fudge to a cutting board and cut into 1-inch pieces. Serve in mini cupcake liners, if desired. Serves 64.

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Eugenics theory promised hope, delivered racism

By Stephen Springer
Staff Reporter

Imagine there's a revolutionary new theory on human reproduction that would solve social problems, economic problems and give humans more desirable traits—all it takes is one little medical procedure.

At the turn of the century, that theory was eugenics.

The implementation and effects of eugenics on Puerto Rico was the History Seminar topic was presented on Oct. 18 by Yarinid Velez-Hernandez, a Highline professor of anthropology.

The pseudo-science of eugenics in the early 1900s was



Yarinid Velez-Hernandez



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meant to make the population smaller and better by getting people with desirable traits to have children and prevent the “unfit” from reproducing.

Reasons to be deemed unfit for reproduction ranged from disability, economic status and skin tone to having too many kids or kids out of wedlock.

Ultimately, sterilization was the chosen method to control reproduction among these groups.

Indiana became the first state to sign a sterilization into law in 1907, followed by more than half of all states.

When this was implemented in Puerto Rico, the government explained that sterilization was good for these marginalized groups and even posted propaganda with the words “some people are born to be a burden to the rest.”

In 1936, the undemocratically elected governor of Puerto Rico signed Law 116 into law, legalizing and making steriliza-

Fall view at Highline



Sendy Nguyen/THUNDERWORD

Recent sunny days produce a gorgeous view looking west from campus. Weather.com predicts dry weather continuing until the first day of November.

tion free for women.

In order to convince people to go through with sterilization it had to be sold.

You had to “make them think it’s the only option, the best thing for the country,” Velez-Hernandez said to the audience.

As a newly industrialized society where women were joining the workforce, companies preferred to hire women who had proof of sterilization in order to avoid dealing with employees getting pregnant.

Companies even encouraged women with the incentive of a paid hour of work to do the procedure.

This coupled with a lack of contraception options forced one-third of the Puerto Rican population to be sterilized by 1968.

For many women, “The operation” as it was called, was considered to be just “getting their tubes tied.” This led women to believe that the operation could be reversed, Velez-Hernandez said.

So many women became depressed when they learned of the permanence of the operation it was classified specifically as post-sterilization syndrome.

This practice was stopped in Puerto Rico by the 1970s and led the U.S. department of Health and Human Services to publish guidelines for sterilization in 1974 to avoid similar things from happening.

Next week’s History Seminar, Rachel Bledsaw will present Werewolves, a history of werewolves from the early modern western and eastern European perspective. On Nov. 1, Easter Island will be presented by Lonnie Somer.

Dial 2-1-1 for help

By Rachael Horath
Staff Reporter

Help in finding resources for any number of problems vexing you are just a phone call away.

Students will be able to attend a presentation next week to learn about the services provided by the Washington State’s Information Network 211.

211 is one of the Women’s Programs most versatile contacts given to students because it assists with a plethora of issues.

2-1-1 is a phone number for anyone to call for information about services, referrals, and other assistance to meet their needs.

Guest speaker Alex Williams, a 211 manager, will discuss the resources available to all students, how to navigate the 211 system efficiently, and how to get referrals for those services within the state.

“211 refers out to any resources: housing, medical, food banks, you name it, they’ll help you,” said Maria Toloza, Women’s Programs event coordinator.

This network can connect individuals to much-needed services. 211 can provide resources for food, housing, health care, education, financial assistance, legal aid, etc.

All students are welcome to the information session, which will take place in Building 2, room 101 on Monday, Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to noon.

VA targets shifty mortgage lenders



by Freddy Groves

Scams targeting veterans who are refinancing VA-guaranteed mortgages have gone on for far too many years. Now the Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to do something about it. It’s just hooked up with Ginnie Mae to take a close look at all the complaints. As a veteran refinancing a VA home loan, you have certain benefits, and lenders who offer those loans are supposed to follow the rules.

Complaints received by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fall into two main categories:

Aggressive Lenders: Since lenders are protected by the VA guarantee, they can be aggressive in going after veterans to refinance. They want your business, whether you’re interested or not. One way to get their (unwanted) attention is

to actually do a refinance. Veterans have reported continued harassing calls and requests to do yet another refinance.

Deceptive Lenders: Lenders lie about the interest rate, and it’s only later that the true interest rate becomes apparent. Lenders stall and drag their feet when a rate is locked in, causing the rate to rise. Then the veteran either has to accept the higher rate or bring more money to the closing. Lenders also lie about whether a veteran is actually

qualified, waiting until far into the process before revealing the truth. Lenders also play fast and loose with escrow monies, causing the veteran more grief and expense.

The task force will be looking at these tactics, especially “loan churning,” which is repeated refinancing to get more fees out of the veteran.

If you’re about to refinance, go online to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (www.consumerfinance.gov) and learn about your rights.

If you have a complaint or you’re being harassed by lenders, contact the CFPB servicemember office at consumerfinance.gov/complaint; email military@cfpb.gov; or call toll free (855) 411-CFPB (2372).

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‘Dead’ comes to life in Renton

Laugh, enjoy or be transported at art events opening in the area this weekend.

•Las Migas brings Flamenco and Mediterranean music to Kent this Friday. The quartet includes two guitarists, the lead singer, and one violinist.



Winter Dorval

They will perform on Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be at Kent Lutheran Church, 336 2nd Ave S., Kent. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for youths. For tickets, or information, visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=kent.

•Prince fans won't want to miss this opportunity. Julian Stefoni of Erotic City has been covering Prince's music for 20 years.

Known nationwide, Erotic City will be performing at the Auburn Performing Arts Center on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The address is 10 Auburn Avenue. Tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$20 for students and seniors. For information, and tickets call 253-931-3043 or visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=78619.

If you've been looking for a night of laughter, the Auburn Ave Theater is the place to be. On Nov. 3, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., 16 comedians will be in the race to advance in this multi-level competition.

The address is 10 Auburn Avenue. Tickets will be \$21 for adults, and \$20 for students and seniors. For more information, and tickets visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=78620.

•*Pixie and the Grocer* is the perfect performance to take the family to see. Showing at Centerstage theater, it's about how a pixie must decide if he wants to give up comfort to serve a poet, after he is inspired by the man's books.

It will be on Oct. 28 at noon. The address is 3200 S. W. Dash Point Rd., Federal Way.

For information, and tickets visit www.centerstagetheatre.com.

•Highline is offering a two-credit late-start film course. Starting Monday, Oct. 30, the class will cover sci-fi films ranging from 1950-1985. For more information e-mail tkim@highline.edu.



Things will be getting mighty spooky this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center at Redondo.

MaST mounts monstrous fest

By David Slettevold
Staff Reporter

Creepy creatures and skeletons will come crawling out of the sea for you to play with this Saturday in Redondo.

Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center is hosting its annual Fear on the Pier event on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event will feature under-

water pumpkin carving, specimen tables, skeleton assembly and much more for visitors.

Rus Higley, manager of the MaST Center, said the event has clear goals.

"To have fun," he said. "May be to push comfort levels a bit. Most people don't play with bones a lot."

Higley also said that the event is great because of how physical it is.

"The MaST is all about hands-on learning," he said.

And the MaST is expecting a lot of interested learners this year. Higley estimates that between 400 and 500 people will be attending on Saturday.

Attendees are also encouraged to ask any of the many volunteers at the event about anything interesting they may find associated with local marine life.

Higley said that there's a lot

that people don't know about the Puget Sound waters.

"We have one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet, and next to nobody knows how cool it is," he said.

From jellyfish to whale bones to sea anemone, the MaST Center has many local creatures on display and numerous activities to do this weekend.

The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive South.

Symphony shows sights and sounds of Mussorgsky

By Winter Dorval
Staff Reporter

If the thought of being chased around by a witch whose house travels on giant chicken legs is a little creepy, brace yourself for Northwest Symphony Orchestra's next performance.

Get the kids dressed up for Halloween and visit the Highline Performing Arts Center for a night of musical and visual entertainment this Sunday night.

This weekend's performance will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27, and children are encouraged to wear family friendly costumes.

The opening piece will be *Pictures at an Exhibition*, by Modest Mussorgsky.

Each of its 10 movements will include their own pictures, and be approached differently.

"Some pictures are of beautiful landscapes. There are some funny ones. It ends with a picture of fireworks," said Anthony Spain, conductor and artistic director of the Northwest Symphony Orchestra.

But it's the Halloween season so "there's one scary image in there for Halloween. It's called 'Hut with Chicken Legs,'" he said.

Part of Russian folklore, Baba Yaga is the 'witch with iron teeth.' Her house is said to walk on chicken legs, and stop at her command.

Pictures at an Exhibition was written in 1874, and published in 1886 after Mussorgsky's death.

"He wrote it as a tribute to the death of his friend, Viktor Hartmann. He took various pieces of Hartmann's work and turned them into music," Spain said.

Adrian Wyard will accompa-



Modest Mussorgsky

ny Pictures at an Exhibition with new visuals.

"The family concert is different than others because it's very descriptive, and visual. Audiences can see what Mussorgsky was trying to paint with music," Spain said.

The second piece will be *Finlandia*, written by Jean Sibelius, in 1899. *Finlandia* tells about Finnish history and their struggle to gain independence.

The final piece will be *Finale* from *Saint Paul's Suite* by Gustav



Anthony Spain

Holst.

"This is an exciting concert, very much family friendly. It has something for people of all ages," Spain said.

Choirs from Mt. Rainier High School and Kennedy Catholic High School will perform with the Orchestra.

String students from Todd Beamer High School will join the Orchestra at the Federal Way Performing Arts Center on Oct. 29 when they travel South.

"This will be the Northwest

Symphony Orchestra's first concert at the Federal Way Performing Arts Center," Spain said.

Both concerts will feature the composition *Sound Track* by Federal Way composer Brent Irwin.

"The Northwest Symphony Orchestra and I love presenting concerts that are available to the whole community. We wanted to bring a concert to the King County and Seattle communities," Spain said.

The show includes about 70 musicians.

"There are no solos because our soloist in many ways is the visuals," Spain said.

The concert on Oct. 27 will be at 401 S. 52nd St., Burien. The concert on Oct. 29 will be at 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S., Federal Way.

Tickets are \$20, and \$15 for seniors (65 and older).

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Women’s soccer ends season undefeated

By Aileen Kaye
Staff Reporter

Highline’s women’s soccer team has tied the knot on first place in the western region. Highline now prepares to face the winner between the NorthNo. 2 and East No. 3 teams in the second round of the playoffs.

The T-Birds, 14-0-1, join Peninsula and Walla Walla as the only teams in the NWAC to be undefeated for the season.

On Oct. 18, the T-Birds traveled to Bellevue, 6-4-2, and came home with their eighth win in a row, 3-0.

Sophomore Nahenahe Damas scored 13 minutes into the game, followed by Hailey Small’s two goals.

“The competition is going to be tougher, so we need to match that intensity going into the playoffs,” said freshman midfielder McKenzie Buell.

Last Saturday Highline took down Green River, 6-0. Valeria Rios, McKenzie Buell, Hailey Small, Tea Lopes, each scored and Jewel Boland added two.

“We’re focusing on perfecting the little details that will makes us that next level team,” said Buell.

The T-Birds played Centralia,



Jack Harton Photo

Fiona Dawson goes on the attack for Highline.

3-6-2, yesterday. Results from this game weren’t available at press time. The two teams last played against each other on Sep. 27, and Highline smashed them 9-1.

On Oct. 28 Highline will host Grays Harbor’s last game of the year. Sitting at the bottom of the division at 1-11, the Chokers will not see the playoffs.

After wrapping up the end of the league season, Highline will have a week to prepare for their first play-off game on Nov. 4 at Starfire in Tukwila.

If they win their first game, then they’ll play next on Nov. 10. The championship game for the NWAC title will be at Starfire on Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Men’s soccer completes season with a tie and a bye

By Andrew LaChapelle
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s soccer team came up empty for the first time this year.

The Thunderbirds’ game last Saturday at Starfire Soccer complex in Tukwila ended in a 0-0 tie. For the first time, all season Highline was unable to score a goal.

The tie did not come with all bad news however as Highline has now clinched first in the West Region and earned a chance to host a quarterfinal matchup. Highline finishes the season undefeated at 12-0-2.

Pierce College goalkeeper Alek Greenleaf had eight saves and effectively shut down Highline’s high-powered offense.

Ryley Johnson had four shots on goal but was unable to connect for a score, which was very unusual.

Meanwhile Highline Goalkeeper Julian Tafolla had a stellar game, preserving another shutout with five saves.

The previous Wednesday Highline played at Bellevue, a game in which they dominated from the start.

Fifteen minutes into the match, Ryley Johnson found Adama Kante for his first of two goals in the game.

Johnson had a goal of his own while Million Teckie, and Dane Evanger each had goals as well.

Goalkeeper Akili Kasim had four saves while Highline’s defense was stout and only allowed 4 shots on goal.

Johnson has shown all season long he is one of the most explosive players in the NWAC as he is currently third in goals with 14.

Head coach Steve Mohn said Johnson has been a key offensive player this year.

“He is very dynamic and is always a threat to score at any point in a game,” Mohn said.

With the playoffs looming, Johnson and others will be called upon to play at a high level for Highline to have a deep run, something they have done well so far this year.

Highline’s last game of the regular season was Wednesday at home vs. Tacoma, results were not available at press time.

After Wednesday’s game, Highline will shift their focus to the playoffs.

The T-Birds will get a first-round bye before hosting a quarterfinal at Starfire soccer complex in Tukwila, between the winner of Everett and Walla Walla on Saturday, Nov. 4.



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Women’s volleyball ready for playoffs

By Bryce Fecarotta
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s volleyball team got to taste a drop of the postseason after a deep run in the Big Bend tournament.

Two days before the big tournament, they had a conference game against the South Puget Sound Clippers, who beat them a month ago 3-1.

The Thunderbirds exacted their revenge on the Clippers this time, beating them soundly in three sets 25-18, 25-19, 25-19.

Head Coach Chris Littleman said the apparent improvement against a tough foe puts the T-Birds in a good position going into the playoffs.

“If we keep improving as we have been the past month, we can make a strong run at the NWACCs,” Littleman said.

That improvement showed at the Big Bend tournament.

The T-Birds were placed in the East Region Crossover Tournament, on the opposite side of the bracket from the No. 1 North Idaho Cardinals.

Highline stormed through its side of the bracket, beating five teams while only losing a total of two sets along the way to the championship game.

Waiting for them in the championship were the North Idaho Cardinals. Riding their own seven game win-streak, the



Jack Harton Photo

Highline’s Jasmine Martinez (8) and Mahie Kaawa(1) go up for a block.

T-Birds had an opportunity to be the giant-killers and ruin North Idaho’s 17-game win-streak.

Unfortunately, North Idaho had other ideas, besting Highline in three sets 25-22, 25-19, 25-18.

While the tournament ending loss wasn’t the desired result, their deep run proved the young Highline volleyball team is competitive.

“The team is starting to play to their potential with all players contributing in their various roles” Littleman said.

Mahie Kaawa and Adrienne Haggerty were two specific standouts in the tournament, and they made the all-tournament team for the East Region Crossover.

October has been a great month thus far for Highline, with the team boasting an 8-3 record since the start of the month.

The Thunderbirds will have the opportunity to continue their Fall success in their next two games against the 21-10 Centralia Trailblazers and the

1-27 Tacoma Titans. They have beaten Centralia twice and Tacoma once this season already.

Results of the game against the Centralia Trailblazers on Oct. 25 were not available at press release time.

The Thunderbird’s next home game is at 7 p.m. against the Tacoma Titans on Oct. 27. After that, they kick off November by travelling to Longview on Nov. 1 to play Lower Columbia in a brawl for the second place spot in the division.

Scoreboard

NWAC Volleyball		
WEST		
Team	League	Season
Pierce	8-1	28-10
Lower Columbia	7-2	22-10
Highline	6-3	18-18
Grays Harbor	6-3	16-27
Centralia	5-4	21-10
S.Puget Sound	3-6	11-26
Green River	1-8	7-21
Tacoma	0-9	1-27
EAST		
Team	League	Season
North Idaho	11-0	27-5
Columbia Basin	11-1	24-5
Spokane	7-4	28-8
Walla Walla	7-4	27-15
Wenatchee Valley	4-7	15-14
Blue Mountain	4-7	11-20
Yakima Valley	4-8	20-25
Treasure Valley	3-8	8-19
Big Bend	0-12	1-27
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Bellevue	7-1	28-12
NWAC Women’s Soccer		
WEST		
Team	League	Season
Highline	11-0-1	14-0-1
Tacoma	9-1-2	12-4-2
Bellevue	6-4-2	7-4-3
Pierce	6-5-1	8-6-3
Lower Columbia	5-5-2	7-7-3
Centrailia	4-6-2	4-9-2
Green River	1-11-0	1-15-1
Grays Harbor	1-11-0	1-13-0
EAST		
Team	League	Season
Walla Walla	13-0-0	17-0-1
North Idaho	10-3-0	12-5-0
Spokane	9-2-2	11-4-2
Columbia Basin	5-5-3	6-5-4
Yakima Vally	4-5-4	6-5-4
Wenatchee Valley	3-8-2	5-9-3
Treasure Valley	1-9-3	1-10-4
Blue Mountain	0-13-0	0-15-0
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Peninsula	13-0-0	16-0-0
Whatcom	8-4-1	11-4-1
Skagit Valley	7-4-2	9-4-1
Everett	4-7-2	5-11-2
Shoreline	3-9-1	3-10-2
Edmonds	1-12-0	2-12-0
NWAC Men’s Soccer		
WEST		
Team	League	Season
Highline	9-0-2	12-0-2
Pierce	5-2-3	7-7-3
Tacoma	5-4-1	9-6-1
S. Puget Sound	2-7-1	4-8-2
Bellevue	1-9-1	2-10-1
EAST		
Team	League	Season
Spokane	9-1-1	12-2-2
Walla Walla	8-3-0	11-4-0
Columbia Basin	7-3-1	9-3-1
North Idaho	5-4-2	6-7-2
Wenatchee Valley	4-7-1	5-8-1
Treasure Valley	2-8-1	2-11-1
Blue Mountain	1-10-0	1-12-0
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Whatcom	11-0-2	14-0-3
Peninsula	9-0-4	11-1-4
Everett	6-6-1	8-8-3
Skagit Valley	3-7-3	3-9-3
Edmonds	2-10-1	2-12-1
Shoreline	1-9-3	3-10-3

Men’s wrestling ready to take down season

By Alli Hand
Staff Reporter

As the wrestling season approaches, Highline’s team has no lack of skill or leadership on the mats.

The current 2017 Highline wrestling roster has 12 state champions listed on their website. In conclusion of their 2016 season the team was ranked 18th in the nation had two All-American wrestlers.

However, with improvements made to the roster, Highline seeks to finish this 2017 season with more accolades than last years and will be leaning to their new recruits to assist in these successes.

Returning and incoming wrestlers are eager to begin this season, such as sophomore two-time State Champion, Emmanuel Daigbe at 197lbs.

As the team has 12 state champions listed on their roster, Daigbe said everyone knows what needs to get accomplished during practice in order to be successful during matches.

Head Coach Scott Norton and Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas are described by the wrestlers to be old-school coaches who put importance on respect values such as starting practice



Tayah Farmer/THUNDERWORD

Highline’s wrestling team is practicing harrrd to pursue a championship this season.

on time. Norton and Luvaas are also said to be very technique driven.

“Our coaches know anyone can be fast, big, and strong, but it all comes down to technique,”

Daigbe said.

With a strong roster for their 2017 season, nothing is changing in terms of team goals.

“Our goals are the same every year, to win a national

championship... place higher at nationals and have more All-Americans,” said Luvaas.

Their first match will be next Saturday, Oct. 28th at Glacier Middle School in Buckley.

Mayor candidates disagree over homeless

By David Slettevold
Staff Reporter

Candidates for mayor of Federal disagree on the city's approach to homelessness and the future of the former Weyerhaeuser property in this year's election.

Incumbent Jim Ferrell is seeking a second term. He is being challenged by City Council member Susan Honda.

Ferrell has been mayor of Federal Way since 2014. A former King County prosecutor and City Council member, he led the fight to convert Federal Way to a strong mayor form of government in 2009.

Like Honda, Ferrell is opposed to safe injection sites for heroin addicts in the city.

"I believe safe injection sites are the worst policy," Ferrell said. "It is surrender in the face of addiction. We need leaders to stand up and say no."

Another hot topic was the Sea-Tac noise pollution issue that is increasingly impacting the area. People near the airport say that the loud volume of the planes is uncomfortable.

Ferrell said he believes that it's the airport's problem to fix, and not Federal Way's responsibility.

"They have a complete obligation," Ferrell said. "It's a multi-dimensional issue."

One more problem is the lack of low-income housing and



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a rising cost of living in Federal Way. Many citizens of the city complain about the lack of available, entry level work to help fix this issue.

"We are building a business base in our community," Ferrell said. He also pointed out the great things that the city does have in it, such as the Federal Way Community Center.

Lastly, the Performing Arts and Events Center in Federal Way's downtown has gotten a lot of criticism for how expensive it was to build, and the fact that ticket prices are too expensive for many citizens.

The arts center cost \$33 million, of which the city has only identified \$24 million in funds.

Ferrell, however, said the project was a good idea and a great investment.

"It represents a \$60 million investment. It brings jobs, vitality," he said. "It is a game chang-

er."

Ferrell cites the city's development efforts around the arts center, including Town Square Park, a planned hotel, and multi-use development planned nearby.

Before this development, "Our downtown was a donut hole," Ferrell said in a visit to campus earlier this month.

"You need a downtown for people to drive to," he said. "We're trying to create an urban village."

Council member Susan Honda said she is running because she can't get everything done she wants to as a member of the council.

"I thought I could change some things in Federal Way," she said of her first election to the council six years ago.

"But I discovered I needed to take the next step up."

While Ferrell said the city is working to get appropriate tenants for the former Weyerhaeuser corporate headquarters, Honda said Ferrell originally favored the controversial fish-packing plant planned for the site.

The property is now owned by California developer Industrial Realty Group.

"Their vision of the property is way different than Weyerhaeuser's vision," she said. "My hope is that IRG will listen to what the people of Federal Way want."



Jim Ferrell



Susan Honda

Honda also is critical of Ferrell's approach to the homeless problem in the city. The city has cleaned out several homeless camps in recent years.

Ferrell cites the city's day center, which exists to provide services to the homeless.

But, Ferrell said, "They're adults. They need to grow up."

Honda said the city spent \$100,000 on the cleanups.

"That's a lot of money we could have spent on services," said the former nurse.

"It's not a crime to be homeless," Honda said. "They're people just like us."

Honda said she wants to see a shelter for women and children.

She also opposes safe injection sites.

"Safe injection sites are not the best way to treat the problem," she said.

She said that the people who use them need treatment; not an easy way to do the drugs.

Honda also said that the airport noise will not go away easily.

"You have to stop talking to the person you are talking to and wait," Honda said.

Her plan is to join with other cities such as Des Moines or Auburn and address the issue as a team, and not let the airport sit on the problem any longer.

Honda also said more needs to be done about the lack of livable wages and low-income housing in Federal Way. She spoke about how workers go to Seattle for their day job but live within the city.

"We need to bring jobs back to Federal Way," she said. "Federal Way used to be affordable, but it is getting less so every day."

Council candidates tout experience, new ideas

By David Slettevold
Staff Reporter

New economic development in Federal Way and disposition of the Weyerhaeuser property are areas of disagreement for Federal City Council candidates in this fall's election.

Three pairs of candidates are vying for three seats on the council.

•In the face for Position No. 2, incumbent Bob Celski is being challenged by Jesse Johnson.

Celski is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point. He's lived in Federal Way for 45 years. His main focus is on public safety and economic development in Federal Way.

"I bring a business-savvy mindset, building budgets the size of this city," he said.

Celski said that more police isn't the only answer to public safety concerns, however.

"We could hire as many police as we want and still have a problem with drugs and violence," Celski said.

With that being said, he said he thinks more officers couldn't hurt. But he said that Federal

Way really could use additional training for police officers. He plans on using funds from the federal government to pay for all of this.

"We will apply for a grant from the federal government to hire more police officers," he said.

Celski said that his experience on the council and in the business area of Federal Way will help him, defining his race in one sentence:

"New energy versus hardened experience," he said.

That "new energy" is Jesse Johnson, a strategic planner for Highline Public Schools. He has degrees in political science and education. His main priority is to bring in support for the local economy and small business, as well as involve the Federal Way School District more with the city.

"We need to get back to the basics...families," Johnson said.

Johnson also said he thinks that hiring additional police would only be a quick fix to the city's crime.

"I don't think simply hiring more police is the solution," Johnson said. "I do think they've done a great job."



Hoang Tran



Diana Noble-Gulliford

•The face for Position No. 4 features Hoang Tran and Diana Noble-Gulliford.

"Federal Way is a beautiful city," Noble-Gulliford said.

She has raised five kids within the city, and she has lived in Federal Way since 1970.

"Public safety is my top priority. It's also time we address noise and air traffic pollution as a city," she said.

She said she also sees many problems with the zoning laws in Federal Way, and that they need updating.

The city of Federal Way made

a deal with the Industrial Realty Group over the Weyerhaeuser campus years ago, and IRG has begun planning to sell pieces of the land. Many citizens are concerned about what future access to the site looks like.

Noble-Gulliford said she totally understands and shares their concern.

"It is a national treasure," she said. "We need to change our zoning to fit our vision."



Bob Celski



Jesse Johnson

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Candidates clash over Des Moines finances

By Stephen Springer
Staff Reporter

Improving the Des Moines financial situation is at the core of all city council candidates campaigns this year.

They just don't agree on how to achieve it.

Des Moines residents will vote on eight candidates running for four city council seats in an upcoming election on Nov. 7.

Candidates this year are running based on issues such as city finances, emergency services, and pollution.

Position 1 candidates are Matt Pina and Anthony Martinelli.

Matt Pina is running as the incumbent and seeks to secure his third term representing citizens of Des Moines.

As a long-time resident of the city, Pina's main focus is to revitalize Des Moines through an increase in emergency services and bringing more business to the city.

He plans to do this by moving tax money from Seattle due to a mix-up with zip codes back to Des Moines and with his "willingness to make tough decisions," Pina said.

He got his start in politics by serving two terms on the Highline School District Board.

Pina is an information technology consultant and holds a bachelor of science in business administration and finance from Central Washington University.

Anthony Martinelli wants to bring a different set of ideas and forward thinking.



Pina Martinelli



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He is a strong supporter of raising the minimum wage in Des Moines to \$15 an hour and was opposed to paid parking at the Des Moines Marina.

Martinelli plans to increase public safety through higher police funding, as well as increased police oversight, address poverty through increasing the minimum wage, expanding employee leave time and bringing faster internet.

He also plans to revitalize the city and bring people together through the addition of a community center and a more business friendly climate.

"We need to make ourselves a destination community," Martinelli said about bringing business to Des Moines.

Martinelli is a writer for a cannabis website as well as a vegan diet website and earned a degree in environmental science from The Evergreen State College.

He is endorsed by the King County Labor Council.

Position 3 candidates are Vic Pennington and JC Harris.

Vic Pennington is running as Des Moines' incumbent for Position 3. He is currently the city's deputy mayor.

He is running on making the city "safer, more financially solvent and [to provide] a better quality of life," says Pennington's website.



Harris



Pennington



Buxton



Steinmetz



Mahoney



Harper

Pennington has lived in Des Moines for 50 years, and has served in the fire department for 43 years. Pennington was not available for interview.

JC Harris is focusing on safety, economic improvement and government transparency.

Harris is mainly focused on Sea-Tac Airport's impact on Des Moines by way of capping daily flights in order to lower pollution, which he says is a cause of cancer in Des Moines as well as a source of buyer's remorse for new residents.

He says he plans to increase safety by focusing on improving mental health and drug addiction services as opposed to hiring more police officers.

Reintroducing code enforcement would bring accountability to rentals as well as help to raise property values, he said.

Harris wants to act as a "voice of descent" that he said the city council has lacked for three to four years.

Harris has lived in Des Moines since 2005 and is currently retired having worked as a musician and web designer for big and small businesses.

Position 5 candidates are Traci Buxton and Harry Steinmetz.

Traci Buxton is a first time candidate who wants to make the city "cute and fun" as well as safe.

Buxton's priorities center around economic development in the downtown area as well as on Pacific Highway.

Her plan is to rezone Pacific Highway for mixed use pur-

poses so there can be business as well as living space. Buxton says this will attract developers, investors and small businesses.

She plans to do this by leveraging networking, good relationships and her own salesmanship.

Harry Steinmetz says he would focus on revitalizing the downtown, budgeting the city out of financial difficulty and improving communication between government and citizens.

Steinmetz says he wants to improve the downtown area by developing shops and the Des Moines Marina together in order to make the city more inviting.

He plans to improve the city's financial standing without property taxes, and instead raising sales tax revenue.

He also plans to improve communication by increasing government outreach to citizens in person and online.

"I love politics," said Steinmetz explaining that he grew up talking politics at the dinner table.

He said he plans on using his prior experience in government working on legislation and regulation for former State Sen. Pam Roach.

Position 7 candidates are Chad Harper and Matt Mahoney.

Chad Harper said he is running because he believes the council needs fresh ideas from a younger candidate.

His top priorities are citizen engagement, marina redevelopment and downtown revitalization.

Harper plans to achieve these goals by working with his fellow

council members, if elected.

"I think that the council members are reasonable," Harper said.

Harper is endorsed by and interned for U.S. Representative Adam Smith, D-Ninth District, and has been into politics since he was 16.

He worked on the Highline School Foundation's board of trustees and helped bring \$300,000 to the school district.

Harper is a first-generation college graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in politics and government from the University of Puget Sound.

Matt Mahoney is running in effort to continue the success that has been achieved by recent city council members.

His main focus if he is elected consists of maintaining the current budget with increased business to increase revenue through sales taxes, continuing the work done to revitalize and expand the downtown area with mixed-use zoning investments, and connecting the "disjointed" communities of Des Moines by moving forward with plans for a community center.

Mahoney describes himself as a communicator and a connector of people and businesses.

He is an Army veteran, former fire commissioner, and currently works for Nordstrom.

Mahoney was asked to run by incumbent council member Dave Kaplan, and has endorsements from the Police Officers Guild and well as several former and current councilmembers.

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tally understands and shares their concern.

"It is a national treasure," she said. "We need to change our zoning to fit our vision."

She also has an issue with Sound Transit, which is bringing a line to the city of Federal Way by 2024. The rail will travel right along I-5 and end at the Federal Way Transit Center on South 320th Street. Many citizens also think that this could increase crime and noise pollution.

"Sound Transit is one of my pet peeves, but we need to follow our plan. ...We need to have our zoning in place," she said.

Her opponent, Hoang Tran, had a hard life as an immigrant to the United States. After gaining his citizenship in 1985, he

worked to put himself through the University of Washington for a bachelor's degree in psychology. He then worked for 26 years as an administrator for the state Department of Social and Health Services.

"I have the most respect to my opponent," Tran said. "I have a fresh, new idea about this city."

Tran said that his background as an immigrant to the United States allows him to understand the plight of many people within Federal Way.

"I can be the bridge that connects to many in this city," he said.

Tran thinks that the Weyerhaeuser campus is beautiful, but he wants to use the buildings already located there to house new businesses.

"We should not turn this into another warehouse," Tran said.

He said that moving another company into the old Weyer-

haeuser campus would be a great thing for the community.

Finally, for Position 6, incumbent council Martin A. Moore and Roger Flygare, a local business owner.

Moore was an orphan in Bulgaria until he was adopted at age 8 and brought to Federal Way by his family. He graduated from Decatur High School and received a bachelor's degree from Saint Martin's University.

"I love our history here in Federal Way," Moore said. "The changes we've seen over the years have been great. I am proud of the work we have done."

But he is concerned about the homeless problem that racks most of the cities in South King County. The Coalition on Homelessness reports a 19 percent increase in homelessness from 2015 to 2016.

"I want to be able to say that we will reduce homelessness

by such-and-such date," Moore said about the problem.

He said he is also proud about the issues he has worked through with his partners in the council.

"For the first time, Federal Way has an economic development plan," he said. "I've been proud to work with labor; I've been proud to work with small businesses."

Flygare, however, also has experience running and managing companies.

"The major difference is I know what it means to be a small business," Flygare said.

His years of work with large companies, such as Boeing, pairs well with his decades of small business experience, he said.

He also volunteers as a student mentor at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way.

Flygare said he can see how dangerous homelessness is to



Moore



Flygare

the student community he's involved in.

"We have over 200 students that are homeless," Flygare said.

He said that the city has an obligation to help them succeed.

He also said he has many plans surrounding economic development in the Federal Way area, and he wants to involve outside help in order to assist the local Chamber of Commerce.

"Nobody talked to the Association of Washington Business...I'm going to work on that," he said.

Mayor candidates climb up a 'fiscal cliff'

By Mitchell Roland
Staff Reporter

For the first time in 12 years, the city of Kent will have a mayor or who is not Suzette Cooke due to her decision not to seek re-election.

Her successor is going to find that it is not an easy job.

During the primary process, the candidates were boiled down to Jim Berrios and Dana Ralph for the general election.

Whoever the new mayor is, they will face a wide array of challenges as Kent prepares for the future. One of the issues is the fiscal cliff facing the city.

Starting in 2020, Kent will lose the \$4.7 million subsidy is has received from the state for the annexation of the Panther Lake area in 2010.

Couple that with the \$5 million a year the city will lose from the state each year as compensation for the state switching from an origin-based taxing system to a destination-based system. The switch in taxing hit Kent especially hard, due to the large number of warehouses in the Kent Valley that send out a large number of items to surrounding communities.



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The city also faces the problem of the Accesso Showare Center. The city-owned arena in downtown Kent has lost money every year since it opened in 2009, a total loss of \$3.5 million.

The two candidates have diverse backgrounds and ways of tackling the issues that Kent faces.

Born and raised in Kent, Dana Ralph has been on the City Council since 2009. She has the endorsements from the mayors of the surrounding cities of Auburn, Pacific, Covington and Federal Way. She also has the endorsement of Jim White, mayor of Kent from 2001-2005. The Kent fire fighters, police officers, and teacher's unions also endorse her.

She described herself as someone who is "fiscally conservative," and she says the biggest obstacle for Kent is sustainable funding.

She said that her opponent wants to employ a "wait and see approach while spending down our reserves."

"I have proposed a solid, responsible plan forward," she said.

She cited her work as a member of the PTA, an active member of Kent Kiwanis Club, and a mentor for the Kent Ridge Robotics Team as ways she has helped the community outside of government.

She said her family has volunteered for many years at park cleanups and has adopted a street for trash pickup.

"I always show up. Volunteering is not just an advertising opportunity for me, I come to work," Ralph said.

She has a bachelor's degree in business management, and a master's degree in management and leadership.

Ralph said she is excited about the future for Kent.

"Kent's future is full of possibilities and is very bright," she said. "With solid leadership we can realize that vision."



Jim Berrios

Berrios, on the other hand, served as a division manager for Denny's. In an op-ed piece for the Kent Reporter, he said he "worked [his] way up from a graveyard cook at Denny's restaurant to vice president of operations."

Berrios has the endorsements of Dr. Edward Lee Vargas, who is the former Kent School Superintendent, and Bill Boyce and Brenda Fincher of the Kent City Council.

On his website, he cites his work for Domestic Abuse Women's Network, the Kent School District, and Kiwanis Club of Kent as ways he has helped the community from outside of local government.



Dana Ralph

He could not be reached for comment for this story.

Berrios has previously lost an election for mayor in 2009, and has served on the Kent City Council since his election in 2013. He was also a Kent School District board member.

Berrios owns the popular Golden Steer restaurant on the east hill of Kent, which has been voted best family restaurant in Kent 10 years in a row.

According to online records, Dana Ralph has raised \$66,350 for her campaign so far while Jim Berrios has raised \$49,657, which are comparable to amounts to raised candidates in surrounding cities.

Kent election will replace city council incumbents

By Mitchell Roland
Staff Reporter

This fall's election will inject some new blood into the Kent City Council.

Two current members are not seeking re-election, meaning there will be at least two new members. A third spot is a battle between an incumbent and a challenger. A fourth spot could come open if current member Dana Ralph is successful in her bid for mayor.

•Position 2: Current Council Member Jim Berrios is running for mayor and therefore cannot seek re-election for the council. Satwinder Kaur and Paul Addis seek to replace him.

Kaur said she is running for City Council because "I want to be on the City Council to be the voice of all residents of Kent. I want to make sure Kent is a great place to raise a family where we are all thriving together."

Kaur worked as the executive

assistant to the City Council, and said she worked with the council president on many projects, including providing research. She also said she has more than a decade of experience as senior level management for a Fortune 100 company, managing 200 plus employees, and overseeing a multimillion dollar budget. She also volunteers with parks and other organizations.

Addis cites his 28 years of work in finance as a big benefit to him being on the City Council. He worked for Delta Airlines for 20 years before working for Alaska Airlines for the last eight years.

He wants to work on the finances of the city, "developing sound financial processes, which will ensure stability and efficiency in the operation of the city."

Specifically, he wants to put controls and audits in place to "make sure we're giving the residents of Kent the best services while reducing waste."



Tye Whitfield

He is a member of the Kent Chamber of Commerce, and volunteers with organizations such as Kent Rotary, Kent Adopt-A-Street, Kent Community Meals, and Kent Hope.

•Position 3: Toni Troutner and Tye Whitfield are vying to replace Dennis Higgins, who is not seeking re-election. Troutner previously ran for City Council and lost in 2015.

Troutner is a small business owner, and a market research analyst consultant. She also served as a board member for the Kent Downtown Partnership, a member of Kent's Drug Free Coalition, commissioner on the Civil Service Commission for the PSRFA, and a co-chair of the Severe Weather Shelter for the City of Kent. She also has served the PTA.

She said her goals are to "increase to increase our police force and find sustainable funding for our parks program, while keeping taxes low and liv-



Toni Troutner

ing within our means."

Tye Whitfield could not be reached for comment for this story, but she is a small business owner, community advocate and non-profit director.

•Position 6: This race features a challenger who has openly stated that he's not sure he wants the job, or that he has the time for it. Russ Hanscom is running to replace incumbent Brenda Fincher for the City Council, but he is open about his lack of desire to be in the position.



Brenda Fincher

Hanscom has said "I'm not especially sure I really want to be on the council. It's a pretty thankless job that takes a lot of time away from my family."

But he says he is running to "get a couple messages out."

Those messages are:

•Make the Accesso Showare Center profitable;

•Not investing \$6 million into the golf course;

•Synchronizing the east/west traffic lights and the north/west traffic lights with train traffic; and

•Tackling litter, graffiti, and many other code violations more assertively.

Brenda Fincher could not be reached for comment, but she said in the voter guide that she is seeking re-election because she is "working to make sure every Kent resident feels safe and has the opportunity to thrive."

Fincher has served on the Kent City Council for four years.



Satwinder Kaur



Paul Addis



Russel L. Hanscom

Burien candidates disagree over city funds

By Colin Phan
Staff Reporter

Candidates for Burien's city council have differing opinions on the problems concerning the city.

The City of Burien has four city council positions on the ballot this fall.

Members of a city council are responsible for voting on policies concerning parks, planning, police, and local roads. Burien's council has seven members.

The city of Burien has a weak mayor form of government, where the council elects a mayor from within the body of seven. A city manager is then hired by the council to be in charge

of hiring decisions, as well as daily operations of the city.

Council Position No. 1 in Burien is a race between Pedro E. Olguin and Joel Manning. Both are first-time candidates running to replace Lauren Berkowitz, who didn't run for re-election.

Manning has been a resident of Burien for 16 years and works in the automotive industry. Manning said that his campaign has been largely funded by residents and local business owners, according to the Voter's Pamphlet.

Olguin on the other hand, is a member of Teamsters Local 117, and is endorsed by King County Democrats, King County Council Member Dave Upthegrove, and many others, according to the Voter's Pamphlet.

On Olguin's website, he says that he would like to bring more revenue to the city, making sure that there are more jobs in the community, as well as fighting homelessness.

Incumbent Debi Wagner is being challenged by Jimmy Matta for Council Position No. 3.

Wagner currently works in market research, and is a treasurer for a local non-profit. Wagner said that she has



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been a resident of Burien for 20 years, and has been heavily involved in the community.

Wagner also said that she has the experience needed to succeed if she is re-elected.

"I believe that experience is important and I have developed

a comprehensive understanding of the programs, policies, and procedures that are essential to the understanding and performing the job of a council member," Wagner said.

Wagner said she hopes to continue working on some issues for the City of Burien if she is re-elected to another term.

"I hope to achieve a balanced budget, smart growth, economic opportunity, recreational enhancement, and preserve the environment," Wagner said. "I care about my

city and want to protect citizens from tax burdens, and work to ensure adequate public safety."

Conversely, Jimmy Matta works as a project manager, as well as being a construction operations/business owner. Matta said he has been living in Burien for 20 years, since relocating to the city in 1998 to raise his family.

In contrast to his opponent, Matta has no political experience

or background, but said that he believes himself more than competent enough to succeed in the position.

"I have studied the issues that are important to the people who live here and believe that I have the knowledge and experience to effectively represent the people of Burien," Matta said. "I will be fair, open minded, and transparent in my voting and in the way I represent at the people of Burien."

Similar to his opponent, Matta said has a clear vision for the city and said that he wishes to work on three big problems facing the City of Burien.

"I have three primary issues that I believe are incredibly important to creating a community where everyone can have a good quality of life," Matta said. "First I would like to focus on growing our local economy. Second, public safety is a major concern for the people in Burien. Lastly, access to affordable housing is a huge concern for people in our community."

Incumbent Nancy Tosta is being challenged by Darla Green for Council Position No. 5.

Tosta is currently retired, but said she had prior political experience.

"I am retired," Tosta said. "I spent 23 years working in state government in California, 4.5 years for the federal government in Washington D.C., and three years in regional government here in Puget Sound."

Tosta said that she has been a longtime resident of Burien, and that she has what is needed to continue succeeding on the council if she is re-elected.

"I've lived in Burien for 21 years," Tosta said. "I've been on the council for the last four years. My background is in government and consulting - in areas such as economic development. I believe I have a solid foundation to be a good council member."

Tosta said that she has had a vision for Burien, and if she is re-elected, she wishes to continue working toward building her ideal image. "As I've said - I've been on the council for the last four years," Tosta said. "I've tried to advance various initiatives and plan to continue to work on these when re-elect-



Kyrstal Marx



Patty Jansen

ed. These include addressing how we more effectively expend our social services resources to address the homelessness and addiction issues we are facing, expanding playgrounds and community gardens, and supporting our cultural diversity and arts programs."

Tosta's opponent, Darla Green, has been a Burien resident her entire life, according to her website.

On her website, Green lists four primary concerns she wishes to address if elected to the city council.

First, Green wishes to prevent the minimum wage from rising to \$15 per hour. Second, she wishes to prevent Burien from becoming a sanctuary, citing illegal immigration to be a big risk to the city.

Third, Green seeks to target illegal camping in order to fight the homeless crisis in Burien.

Lastly, Green said

that she wishes to prevent safe injection sites from coming to

tion.

According to her website, Marx said she has been working in operations management in the nonprofit sector for 10 years, as well as two decades of community activism.

Marx lists three main issues she wishes to address if she is elected on her website: homelessness, engagement and visibility for all of Burien, and community involvement with community issues.

Marx's opponent, Patty Jansen, currently works as a sales

manager and in the wholesale food industry, according to the voter's pamphlet. Jansen said on the pamphlet that she has been a Burien resident for 26 years.

Jansen lists crime prevention, pedestrian safety, and roads as her primary focuses on the pamphlet if she is elected to office.

The last day to cast a ballot for local elections is Nov. 7. Voters are able to return their ballots by mailing them back in, putting them in drop boxes - there is one on Highline's campus near the parking lot by the childcare center - by 8 p.m. on election day, emailing the ballot to return.ballot@kingcounty.gov, or faxing the ballot to 206-296-4499 by 8 p.m.



Nancy Tosta



Darla Green



Pedro E. Olguin



Joel Manning



Debi Wagner



Jimmy Matta

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Comic store opens in Des Moines

By David Slettevold
Staff Reporter

Comics and roleplaying geeks, you've got a new heroine in town.

Catacomb Comics and Roleplaying, a new comic book and card game store, has arrived to relieve Des Moines' impending boredom.

"I've been wanting to do this for a very, very long time," said Danielle Mikinka, owner of Catacomb, who opened her store in the Des Moines' Marina District in early August.

While she lived in Colorado, Mikinka said she dreamed of being able to open up a store like this. She's been a comic book nerd for a while, Mikinka said. Ever since she got her first comic at a thrift store, she's fed a lifelong obsession with them.

"I was one of the kids who wanted to watch all the cartoons, not play with Barbies," she said.

"I've had people say 'comics, oh, that's not reading,' well, it is to me," she said.

And looking at the store, that seems even more obvious.

Posters are plastered across several walls within the building that most recently housed a florist shop. What's blooming now though, are images of commonly known superheroes: The Hulk, Spiderman, the Justice League, and many more.

But comic books aren't the only things that she has from



Trinity Nolan/THUNDERWORD

Catacomb Comics and Roleplaying opened last August.

her childhood at the store, Mikinka began to find other things to entertain herself as she grew up.

Magic: The Gathering was one of the games she learned to love.

She's now hoping to host a popular Magic activity known as Friday Night Magic, a weekly competition where players fight it out using newly unpacked cards.

She is working to get the game's creators, Wizards of the Coast, to sponsor her events. "They've been very responsive," said Mikinka. "Once I send in the information they need, I should be good."

Beyond that, Catacomb has a lot of different board games; from Monopoly to Yahtzee to the classic Settlers of Catan.

She also specializes in the game Dungeons and Dragons,

where a group of players go on a journey through a campaign they create.

If this sounds confusing, don't worry, Mikinka said she plans on running "New to D&D" campaigns to help teach new players.

She sells the dice, maps and has a room specifically designed for people to play there.

"I want to build a community here. I want this to be the place people go to to read, to play, to do whatever," she said.

Highline holds a top priority of hers. She plans on advertising to students as soon as she can.

"Everyone who comes in here talks about Highline," she said.

Catacomb is closed on Mondays, open from noon to 7 p.m. on Sundays and Tuesdays, and open from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays.

The store is at 721 S. 219th St.



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be impacting the frontage of the [Franz] bakery property as well," Jepperson said.

They have been meeting with property owners that will be impacted, such as Poulsbo RV and Franz Bakery, he said.

"That's one of our focuses in the next couple years, is right-of-way acquisition," Jepperson said.

"We met with them in the City of Kent to talk through what our impacts are going to be, and how potentially they can reconfigure their operations. Those are ongoing discussions on that," he said.

The main focus is improving mobility and reducing travel times.

"One of the good things about the project is, of course, it provides travel time savings on this new route. It's going to take some traffic off of I-5 and 99," Jepperson said.

"Our folio points out we were working with King County to partner on building the missing link in the Lake to Sound trail," Jepperson said.

The trail that almost goes from Lake Washington all the way to the waterfront in Des Moines. "Is all there except for this last piece between the trailhead... and it ends here at 188th Street," he said.

"We've been working with them on preliminary design, geotechnical work, where the trail's going to be. And it looks like 2019 that trail would actually be in place and functioning before we

build our facility. So the public can benefit from it," he said.

The SR 509 \$1.87 billion funding will come in part from tolling, Jepperson said. "It's going to operate similar to 520. Time-of-day tolling, not an express toll lane system like 405," he said. "Like Omar said, I think we're very competitive with our chances for the INFRA grant," said project spokeswoman Emily Mannetti.

"The other really compelling part of our application is that 96 percent of our funding is basically covered in the three buckets that Omar reviewed: the local, the tolling, and the state," she said.

"So asking the feds for 6 percent of the project is usually pretty compelling. We're not going and asking for 50 percent of the funding for the project," she said.

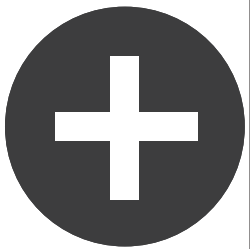
"We have a lot of local and state match, so it appears strong. There's a lot of support locally for the grant, so I think that's a really compelling message," Mannetti said.

"We got funding for half of the environmental impact statement vision of the project. It's important to know that there was environmental work done here in 2003," she said.

When the funding came, Mannetti said, the original vision was a six-lane facility. They're now building four.

"We've developed a scope of the project that we think is buildable with the funding that we have. The project was reduced to two lanes in each direction to fit the funding," she said.

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ter with Access Services each quarter, out of an entire student population of more than 10,000.

It doesn't have to be like this; Access Services will help you be independent, Lusignan said.

"I really recommend [students] to...give it a shot before [forming] an opinion," he said.

A good place to start is by getting in contact with the department.

There are many ways to do this.

A student can make an appointment by phone, email, or in person at Building 99, room 180.

It also helps to fill out the Getting Started form on the Access Services' website.

By doing this, the staff can check for the students' eligibility, and have a better understanding of what a student needs before they'll need them.

The former is especially important- not just anyone can use the benefits offered by Access Services.

"You have to experience a disability," said Director Sandler. "[It] doesn't matter if it's

hidden or obvious."

According to the Access Services website, a qualified student must have a "physical, mental or sensory impairment that substantially limits...[their] major life activities."

Psychological and learning impairments are the most prevalent at Access Services, said Sandler; these can include depression, anxiety, autism, ADHD, and dyslexia.

When a disability is confirmed, Access Services provides, but is by no means limited to: classroom accessibility, note-taking assistance, testing accommodations and sign-language interpreters (visit the Access Services website for more information).

"We try to get students' [requested] accommodations within a week," Sandler said.

Of course, there are exceptions that can cause delays, though Access Services actively works to draft the accommodation letter the same day as the meeting.

This letter is important.

"[It tells teachers] what I need," said Highline student Trevor Coffee, "and how they can help me."

Students are required to give copies of the letter to teachers at the beginning of each quarter, while also saving

one for themselves with all the teachers' signatures on it, said Lusignan.

This is a sort of insurance-policy for students.

The most important thing to remember is that Access Services will always have an understanding about where you are coming from, said Coffee.

And other students are encouraged to adopt this same consideration.

How students with disabilities think others will perceive them is a "big reason why many [might] be afraid to go to Access Services," Lusignan said.

The greatest thing a person can do is ask questions, said Lusignan. It's OK to go up to someone and ask them "Why do you have that?" or "What happened?"

Others need to realize that, in the end, "we're just like you," said Coffee. "We...have ideas and we want to share them."

For more information, students can contact Access Services at their office number, 206-592-3857.

Students can also email at access@highline.edu.

Access Services is located in Building 99, room 180 for anyone who wishes to meet in-person.

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to talk in their own language.

By coming here, I improved my English and.. I'm not alone. I feel like I have friends. I feel like I know a lot about other cultures."

Student Brad Castañeda said he was glad to attend the event.

"I think it was a rewarding experience. Learning about other people's cultures make me feel like I want to be a part of that culture," he said. "I learned that there's more similarities between people from other cultures than differences."

Engelhard said local students are encouraged to attend too, they can give international students advice for living in the U.S.

"It would be even nicer if more local students came so that they can interact and share more experiences," said Tatsuya Ozeki, a Japanese student.

International Leadership Student Council member Celine Li said her campus life had more meaning after attending.

"Most local students just go to class and go home," Li said. "It makes people have depression... I wanted more friends and I wanted to help students who came here."

"I shut the door to my heart, but after the first meeting of Culture Cafe, my campus life has more meaning."

Culture Cafe is in Building 2 every Thursday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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