

## Age of consent laws vary

By Stephen Springer  
Staff Reporter

Sex is one of humanity's most vital functions. Without it, none of us would be here today. It can be fun, it can bring new life into the world — but being such a powerful part of the human experience — sex can damage lives, especially at a young age.

Recent revelations about alleged sexual improprieties by Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore and many more are dominating the political scene.

American society is going through a sustained period of sexual justice. Women are coming out of hiding and accusing those have caused sexual trauma in their lives on a wide scale.

In the case of Moore, the former Chief Justice of Alabama's Supreme Court, Moore has admitted to dating teenage girls while he was over the age of 30.

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Resources on the back can help you out.

CONSENT	POWER
<b>Consent is not just a lack of no. You need a real YES!</b>	<b>Just because your relationship is legal, doesn't mean it's equal.</b>
<b>Ask for it! Consent is Respect. Say what you want to do, ask what they want to do. Respect the answer no matter what.</b>	<b>Do you &amp; your partner trust each other equally?</b>
<b>Consent means each person actively wants to participate in whatever physical or sexual act is happening.</b>	<b>Do you each have autonomy - separate friends and activities?</b>
<b>People who are drunk, high, or asleep cannot give consent.</b>	<b>Does your partner pressure you to do things you don't want to?</b>
<b>Always ask before you touch someone. It's easy and respectful.</b>	<b>Does your partner tell you that no-one else would ever love you?</b>
	<b>Does your partner ever scare you with the things they do or say?</b>

*Consent and equal power are two different but important aspects of a healthy relationship.*

This situation brings up the question of age of consent, and not just in Alabama.

Age-of-consent laws dictate what age is appropriate for a per-

son to consent to sexual acts.

Across the United States, the age of consent ranges from 16 to

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## Search committee to have student member

By David Slettevold  
Staff Reporter

While faculty members have now chosen their representatives, the process for choosing a student for the Highline presidential search committee is just beginning with a forum scheduled for next Wednesday.

Faculty members on Tuesday completed their election process by naming English professor Gayatri Sirohi, and economics, political science and journalism professor Dr. T.M. Sell to represent them on the search committee.

The presidential search was prompted by Dr. Jack Birmingham's retirement. Dr. Birmingham officially stepped down in July, in part due to health concerns after



heart surgery.

After pressure from the Highline Student Government, the Board of Trustees gave the Student Government permission to start looking for a student to join the presidential search committee.

"The Board of Trustees is leaving it up to us," said Stu-

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## Suzette Cooke to retire as Kent mayor

By Mitchell Roland  
Staff Reporter

The City of Kent will get a new mayor come the first of the year, closing a 12-year chapter that saw the city change drastically.

During Suzette Cooke's time in the mayor's office, she saw the city increase in population and territory, and oversaw the creation of a new arena in downtown Kent.

In 2010, Kent annexed five square miles of land by Panther Lake on the east hill. Kent's population has grown from an estimated 84,674 in 2005 to 127,514 in 2017, and it is the sixth largest city in the state.

Cooke, a former Republican Washington state legislator, said that this will be the end of her political career.



Suzette Cooke

"I'm not going to run for office again," she said.

But she said she does want to join a nonprofit or another organization because she "wants to continue to work with people."

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## Highline alumni get political

By Mitchell Roland  
Staff Reporter

The number of Highline alumni making their marks on local politics is increasing.

Elected in the November elections, Krystal Marx of Burien joins Joseph Cimaomo, Jr. of Covington and Austin Bell of Burien as alumni who have been elected to area city councils.

Cimaomo was elected to serve a second term, and Bell's first term is up in 2019.

A graduate of Highline in 2006, Marx is the director of development of NAMI Washington, which is the National Alliance of Mental Illness. She also serves as president of the Board of Unexpected Productions in Pike Place Market.

Marx said her professional experience since leaving



Krystal Marx

Highline has "primarily been in small, local non-profits focused on health and education, serving the state or Greater Seattle area."

She also volunteers in programs that focus on increasing community involvement, developing and providing free com-



Joseph Cimaomo

munity education classes on self-defense, bystander intervention and used needle pickup.

She said that Highline was her first "real experience" in higher education.

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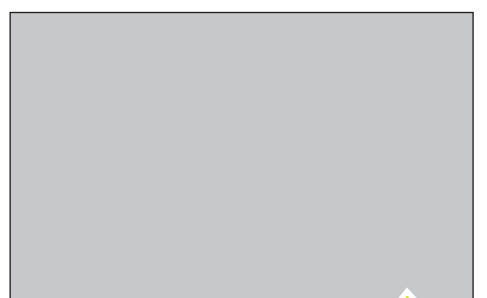
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## Stay safe this holiday

By Chase Carvalho  
Staff Reporter

You're out shopping, and walk to your vehicle with hands full of bags holding presents, when a thief blind sides you. He knocks a bag out of your hand and in the frenzy, he makes off with the gifts intended for loved ones.

This scenario is becoming more frequent as the holiday shopping season ramps up. Highline Public Safety has offered some tips on how to avoid being a victim of holiday shopping thefts.

One is the cash target technique. Criminals look for people who flash their cash, and they take note of where you put it.

Whether it's in the pocket of a purse or a coat, avoid revealing your money to people other than the cashier.

Another is the parking lot prowl technique. Some people do all their shopping in one outing, they go to multiple stores and put their purchases in the back of their vehicle.

Remember to put your bags in the trunk out of sight so that people can't see what you've bought. You can also try "leaving" in your vehicle and parking in a new location. This makes thieves think you're gone along with their opportunity.

A newer tactic is the object or paper on the windshield technique. This works when a non-suspecting person gets into their car and starts it. When the victim realizes there is something on the window or wiper blade they get out to remove it.

At this point a criminal, through fear or use of force, attempts to steal your car. Avoid this by driving away before removing the object or removing it before you unlock your car.

There's plenty of merchandise floating around this holiday season and plenty of opportunity for thieves to get you in a bah humbug mood.

A method of recovering stolen property is to mark or engrave your laptops, TVs, or other items. This way if police do recover your property they have a way of returning it to you.

Another thing thieves look for is the boxes you put out in the trash after the holiday. They look for which houses have boxes for TVs, gaming consoles or other high value items and thus know exactly who's house to break into. Avoid letting thieves know what you have by cutting up the boxes and putting them inside trash bags or the recycle bin itself.

# CLS hopes retreat advances leadership

By David Slettevold  
Staff Reporter

Refreshing hikes, good food and great views could await a select group of Highline students looking to hone their leadership skills this winter.

On Jan. 26, 2018, Student Government will be taking a group of students to Islandwood Retreat Center on Bainbridge Island for a day-and-a-half excursion.

For its 15th year, the Winter Leadership Retreat will have a new theme: "Present is a Gift."

"We happen to name the retreat after what it does each year," said Iesha Valencia, director of the Center for Leadership and Service.

Valencia said she thinks the event has a lot of meaning this time.

"If you think about the year we're in with technology and media," she said. "There's so much happening...that sometimes it's challenging to be in the moment."

The foundation of this trip is

a focus on growing leadership skills and experiencing nature in the middle of Washington winter. There will be guided hikes at the resort as well.

Valencia said she hopes that these experiences will help students look inward and realize something about themselves.

"The theme...is really focused on that individual reflection," she said. "And really embracing what that means. As college students, that matters."

In order to reach that reflection, the trip is going to be a "technology free zone," so you can stay in the present with hikes and workshops that help build leadership skills.

Valencia said she thinks these activities will help students manage how much they use technology.

"One foundation is to minimize their tech use. Does it add to the experience, or does it detract from the experience?" she asked.

Vanessa Primer, Student Government president, said she's very excited to go on the trip.

"It's a cool idea, 'The Present



Iesha Valencia

is a Gift," she said.

Primer also said that the event is a great place to learn how to be involved at Highline.

"Each of the sessions is support to guide you down a path of engagement," she said.

As for payment, the trip costs no money if you're accepted. However, Primer said there is one thing you'll want to watch out for unless you want to pay a \$50 fine.

"Let's say you accept and now

you say 'I don't want to get up in the morning,'" she said. "The only reason you're going to pay something is if you no-show."

Valencia said she wouldn't want people like that on the trip.

"We don't want students that are saying 'maybe,' or are on the fence," she said.

Primer said she realizes the event will be costly to Highline, but she thinks it will be worth it.

"Yes we're making a financial investment, but when they come back, they come back with the tools they need for success," she said, "because knowledge is wealth."

There is an application form with an essay that needs to be turned in before you can be considered to go, however.

"We don't put limits or minimums [on the essay] because it should come from you," Valencia said. "You determine the length."

To be considered for the trip, complete and turn in the application form and essay found at the CLS front desk on the third floor of Building 8 by Monday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

## Center sponsors holiday job fair

The Career and Student Employment Center is hosting a holiday hiring event next week.

Students can get information about part-time and seasonal jobs at FedEx, Ikea, Macy's, and United Parcel Service on Dec. 6, starting at 10 a.m.

Representatives from each company will be at the school to either interview or set up interviews with students.

Students should come interview-ready with a resume if possible.

## Get expert resume advice

The Career and Student Employment Center at Highline will host a workshop on creating a winning resume.

Staff will be on hand to give the advice to any students on the appropriate qualifications, experiences, and skills to use when creating a resume.

This event will be on Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m., Building 6, room 214.

For more information call the CASE Center at 206-592-3350.

## ICC targets stress

The Inter-Cultural Center's last event of the quarter will be "Happiness: How to Maximize it in Your Life."

Organizers say this event will help students get through the last few weeks of the quarter by minimizing stress and giving them steps to feel better.

It will be on Dec. 5 and run



from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the ICC, Building 8.

## Transfer Center brings advisers

Advisers from UW Tacoma and Grand Canyon University will be at Highline next week to give transfer advice to students.

A Grand Canyon University adviser will be on campus Dec. 4, at 9 a.m., for a drop-in information table, on the first floor of Building 8.

An adviser from UW Tacoma will be on campus Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for 30-minute one-on-one advising sessions, in the Transfer Center, Building 6, room 164. Sign up is required, register at transfer@highline.edu or sign up at the Transfer Center.

It is advised to bring a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript to both sessions.

## Zone in and Zen out

Highline will hold a free yoga session later today called Chair Yoga Flow.

This event will be open to the public and was created with universal design in mind. Universal design refers to the ideology of making all environments, structures, and practices, accessible to people of all

ability levels.

Which means that at this event, people who are able bodied, living with physical or mental disabilities, older, and younger people will all be able to participate in the yoga session.

The instructor of this will be Amy Rider King. The event will start at 1 p.m., in Building 4, room 109.

## #GivingTuesday raises thousands

Thanks to the generous donations of faculty, staff, alumni, board members, trustees and the community, Highline raised \$4,210 on #GivingTuesday.

Highline participated in the national #GivingTuesday fundraiser to collect money for a required commercial refrigerator

in the new food pantry that is being opened on campus. The refrigerator costs \$5,000, which Highline only needed \$2,500 for, as the college had a dollar-for-dollar match opportunity for.

The pantry was suggested to help the 49 percent of Highline students who say they've struggled with hunger in the last 30 days.

With the funds raised, Highline can now purchase the refrigerator, and have additional funds to support the stocking of the pantry.

## Correction

A story about Mindfulness Buddhism in the Nov. 16 edition should have said Siddhartha Gautama taught and lived around 4th or 6th century BCE in the region of eastern India near present-day Nepal.

## NEW WINTER QUARTER 2018 ONLINE CLASS!

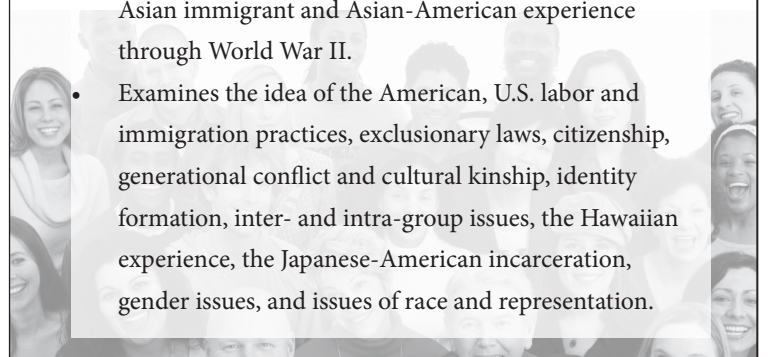
### AEIS 142: Asian-American Roots

5 credits, Item # 1748

Instructor Tarisa Matsumoto-Maxfield

*\*Counts towards Transfer: Diversity & Globalism and Social Science Area I requirements.*

- Introduces an interdisciplinary examination of the Asian immigrant and Asian-American experience through World War II.
- Examines the idea of the American, U.S. labor and immigration practices, exclusionary laws, citizenship, generational conflict and cultural kinship, identity formation, inter- and intra-group issues, the Hawaiian experience, the Japanese-American incarceration, gender issues, and issues of race and representation.





# Feed yourself to feed the hungry

## Bake sale raises funds for low-income program

By Colin Phan  
Staff Reporter

A group of Highline students will be holding a bake sale to help fundraise for the Des Moines Food Bank Weekend Backpack Program on Dec. 4.

The fundraiser will be on the second floor of the Student Union in front of the Bookstore between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Most items are expected to be 50 cents each.

The Weekend Backpack Program was started in order to help families with kids who might be underfed. Des Moines Food Bank Executive Director Kris Van Gasken said that the program is a big help to kids in the area.

“The Backpack Program is where people are sending home food for kids at risk of hunger,” Van Gasken said. “If you look at free and reduced lunch rates along Pacific Highway, they’re astronomical.”

The program first started at an elementary school in Des Moines, sending kids home with food over the weekend in backpacks.

“We started at Midway Elementary,” Van Gasken said. “What we do is we send home two days [worth of] breakfast, lunch, dinner and some snacks.”

Van Gasken said since starting at Midway, the program has spread its wings and now serves almost every elementary in their service area. Van Gasken said she also sees the number of backpacks they’re giving out to increase.

“We’re sending out about 300 back-

packs a weekend,” Van Gasken said. “We’re anticipating about 400 by Christmas.”

Des Moines Food Bank Associate Director Barb Shimizu said that there are 10-12 items in each backpack, filled with food that is on the healthier side.

“There’s \$10-12 worth of food in each backpack,” Shimizu said. “There’s things like instant mac, granola bars, and fruit snacks in them.”

Schools identify children at risk of hunger, and report that number to the program, Van Gasken said. The program then tells the schools how many at risk children they can provide food for.

The program has had no problem so far with the amount of students they provide food to, Van Gasken said.

“All the kids that the schools have identified, we’ve been able to handle that,” Van Gasken said.

Van Gasken said that the amount of food children receive correlates with their learning, and even their future income levels. She also said that along with food, reading has impact on levels of learning.

“When you’re growing, the last thing that gets nutrition is your brain,” Van Gasken said.

Students in the class doing the fundraiser said that they want to help their community, and give kids at risk of hunger a chance at a good education.

“[We want to] be selfless and give back to our community,” said Julian Dean, a student in the class.



Des Moines Area Foodbank photo  
*The backpacks sent home include easy -to-prepare snacks for kids .*

“[We want] to give everybody else a fair shot at a future, and stronger education,” said Evie Tucker, another student.

Adam Samuel, a student in the class said that being well fed is important.

“If you don’t eat, you can’t focus. If

you can’t focus, you can’t learn, and if you can’t learn you’ll always be poor,” Samuel said.

All donations to the fundraiser will go directly to the Weekend Backpack Program.

# Unicef working to help get more kids in schools

By David Slettevold  
Staff Reporter

The world’s governments are working together to get children around the globe in schools, a United Nations worker said here on Monday last week.

During Highline’s International Education Week, Eric Sype shared plans and statistics about foreign education issues and how groups are fixing them.

He currently works for UNICEF USA, a non-profit non-governmental organization which supports the United Nations Children’s Fund that gives humanitarian aid and education resources to children across the world.

Sype ticked off UNICEF’s accomplishments.

“We’ve saved more children’s lives than any organization,” he said. “We want children to survive. And not just survive, but thrive.”

UNICEF supports 155 coun-



Eric Sype

tries and vaccinates 45 percent of the world’s children, Sype said.

But, he said, UNICEF needs to do more than just help local people. Laws and rules also need to be changed in some nations.

“In many places, there are school fees ... that are very prohibitive. Abolition of school fees is very important,” he said.

And sometimes, new buildings need to be added in to make a school permanent.

“Another huge impediment

for children is that there is a school where no children are, or it’s too far away,” he said.

Due to problems such as these, 264 million children and adolescents worldwide are not in school, he said.

In West Africa, 13 million children are not in school because of conflict and war. War has also claimed 9,000 schools in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen.

UNICEF also reports that 22 percent of students in sub-Saharan Africa don’t go to class, and more than 40 percent of girls in West and Central Africa aren’t even enrolled as students.

Sype said that sometimes families have reasons to not send their children to school, especially if there’s a lot of work to do at home.

“Maybe the family doesn’t deem education necessary,” he said.

Regardless, Sype said that it’s important to realize that each of these people are individuals.

“The numbers can be over-

whelming,” he said, but “the numbers are children. The numbers are faces. The numbers are real people ... with real stories.”

Sype said conflict can seriously damage these children.

“Generally societies are uprooted, or they stay [home] and society is destroyed around them,” he said.

Sype said UNICEF sees this damage, and it is working to help children through it.

“UNICEF really looks at education as an investment,” he said. “We know that the further you go in education, the more opportunities you have.”

He said UNICEF gave supplies to 15.7 million children in 2016, as well as built new schools that are safe inside and out.

When faced with the challenge of building schools in Madagascar, the world’s fifth most cyclone-prone nation, he said UNICEF made buildings that double as storm shelters.

“These schools go from being schools to community safe

havens in a storm,” he said.

Sype said schools also need to be safe havens where the student can learn without coming under harm.

“Schools should be safe havens, schools should be places without violence, especially gender-based violence,” he said.

Lastly, Sype said UNICEF has been working closely with teachers to train them in their subjects and how to manage a classroom.

“The majority of teachers in Madagascar have little to zero training,” he said. “It is important to invest in teachers to give back to the community.”

And if Highline students want to help UNICEF, he said that’s possible too.

“You could go into psychology and help with children in affected areas. You could go into education and become a teacher in other countries,” Sype said. “The main thing is to have an international focus, and know international relations.”



# County needs new juvenile facility

Nobody likes seeing kids get locked up, especially when the United States has the highest percentage of citizens behind bars in the world, but sometimes it needs to be done.

King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove has been working to make sure that a new juvenile detention facility is built in order to replace one that is used now, which Upthegrove describes as “too old and run down.”

To compound the issue, the current facility also has no rooms for inmates to meet with loved ones or an attorney.

Some people have come out against the new facility, but the facility itself is only as good or bad as the judicial system allows it to be. For instance, the detention facility in question has reduced its average population.

The trend of a shrinking average daily population is shown on “scorecards” where the average daily population is calculated once per month, information that is readily available on Kingcounty.gov.

Even with the downward trend, there are people who should be behind bars as a matter of safety. And being a dangerous criminal is not dictated by one’s age.

This means that we need a facility to house those that are too dangerous to be in the general public, but in all practicality, it comes down to is how the facility is used.

If kids are being sent here for petty crimes such as skipping out on bus fare, that would be a cause for concern. However, Upthegrove has been working to keep kids out of detention facilities.

He has had a part in changing laws to give children more rights such as changing the level of infraction for skipping bus fare from criminal to civil, as well as changing a law giving minors access to a lawyer before being questioned by police.

To add to this, King County Executive Dow Constantine is looking for ways to restructure youth detention as a public health issue rather than a jailing issue.

In the best case, this new approach will make recovery a higher priority than punishment. In the worst case, children will have an updated facility in the future.

While the latter of these scenarios is no consolation for a failure of the former, the new facility is a concrete plan to raise potential inmates’ quality of life.

At the end of the day, even if youth detention is not restructured around a public health emphasis, steps are being made in the right direction away from institutionalizing children.

The ideal number of incarcerated children is obviously zero, but there is no magic wand to instantly fix complicated social issues such as these.

# Summit raises many memories

Sitting in the Black and Brown Male Summit gave sense to forgotten quandaries from my childhood.

The eighth annual Black and Brown Male Summit, was held on Nov. 18. It was advertised that men of color should attend, and me, being a black male, decided I should go.

The whole day was filled with men of color in their late 20s to mid 40s who told really cool stories of how they traversed the education field to get far in life.

One noticeable thing they all seemed to acknowledge, was the struggle of being a minority male in school.

During this summit, I experienced stories that randomly invoked peculiar moments that I remembered from primary school.

One such example being when the keynote speaker, Jason Chu, who is Asian American, told the audience about his grandmother’s inherently racist bias against black people when she immigrated to America.

He attributed it to the media representation of black culture in American media, such as gang violence, oversexualization of black women’s bodies, the improper vernacular used in television shows or rap songs, etc.

When I heard about Chu’s grandmother, I remembered the discomfort I felt whenever my friends brought me to their homes while their grandparents were around.

For some reason, when he told us about his grandmother,

## Ethnic of love



Jo Robinson

the long forgotten tense silences, strained smiles, and long stares I had received upon first entering a friend’s home once again confounded me.

The odd reasons my friends gave to explain why we couldn’t study at their house anymore, suddenly burned its way from the back to the front of my mind.

Chu spoke about his battle with racism in his community.

“It is a norm in my culture to feel uncomfortable with African Americans, but that is a setback to the whole minorities becom-

ing successful thing,” Chu said. “We truly can’t reach it without all of us validating each other’s truth of self.”

In the end, I learned that some aspects of American racism span all throughout the world, and the way in which we can combat it is by addressing the fear and anger some of the older generations of our families hold against people they know nothing about.

A lot of the time I find myself biting my tongue whenever I hear something that has made me uncomfortable in an otherwise normal situation.

One such time was when I finally spoke up about the conservative thoughts expressed by my great-uncles on women in the work place.

I found three things that day, one being my courage; another being the ability to exchange in an extremely long conversation with stubborn old men; and thirdly, that if I could address some of the prejudices the people closest to me hold, I can become bolder when I hear blatant sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, and overall nasty remarks on the street.

## Something to say?

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

## Story needed more research

### Dear Editor:

Thank you for writing the Nov. 22 article on King County Councilman Dave Upthegrove’s support for the new juvenile detention facility.

I’m not sure if my disagreement lies more with your reporting or with Councilman Upthegrove’s formulation of the issue.

I notice you didn’t investigate any of the councilman’s statements, or interview anyone else. Without doing so, your article becomes merely an incomplete press release.



Why was Upthegrove on campus? Who invited him? Who was he speaking to?

In your lead paragraph, Upthegrove argues that the new juvenile detention facility is needed because it “will help fight racial disparity in the criminal justice system.”

He claims further down in your story that “it will be a factor in helping combat racial issues.” But he doesn’t tell us how that would work. In fact, he cites two

legal victories he claims responsibility for, getting juveniles the right to have an attorney present before they are questioned by the police and changing failure to pay bus fares from a criminal to a civil infraction.

Both these changes were accomplished without a new juvenile detention center.

He also says, according to your article, that the “average population in the existing facility has gone from 200 to 30-35 today.”

That would have been a good statement to verify. And tell us the time period he’s speaking of. That might also be the point to include the comments of Rhonda Berry, the King County

Deputy Executive named head of the “county efforts in partnership with the community to reach the goal of zero youth detention,” according to King County Executive Dow Constantine’s announcement Aug. 8 of this year.

Constantine was following up on his declaration in his State of the County address earlier this year that he was creating a “Road Map to Community Safety and Effective Alternatives to Detention” initiative.

I’m sure Upthegrove is well meaning, but I don’t believe as a white man he has the standing to decide anything is “the civil rights issue of our day.”

Is he re-stating Martin Luther King, Jr.’s position that “issues of jobs and issues of justice were inextricably intertwined,” as Eugene Robinson pointed out in his Jan. 15, 2015, Washington Post opinion piece declaring economic issues were becoming the central focus of MLK’s advocacy in the weeks and months preceding his assassination?

Reporting isn’t something we’re born knowing how to do. You’re in a position to encourage your fellow reporters to learn the basics. Verify what you are told. Ask, for instance, “How do you know that is true?”

— Molly Frankel  
Highline student

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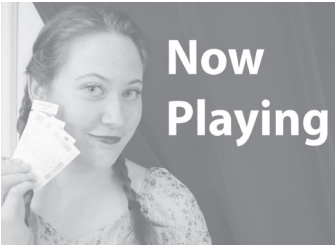
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## Holiday plays, parties, and ships!

Start your holiday season with any of the fun events coming to you this weekend.

- Jump on this rare chance to have a pajama party and attend a tree lighting at one event! Big Catch Plaza will be filled with food, music, lights, and a pajama party on Dec. 1.



### Winter Dorval

This free event will be from 6-7:30 p.m. The address is 21634-21640 Marine View Dr. S., Des Moines. For more information, visit [www.destinationdesmoines.org/holiday-tree-lighting](http://www.destinationdesmoines.org/holiday-tree-lighting).

- Start a new holiday tradition or continue a family favorite with Centerstage's yearly pantomime of *Beauty and the Beast*.

View this holiday classic until Dec. 21.

The address is 3200 Dash Point Rd., Federal Way. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (65 and older), \$15 for youths (18-25), and \$12 for children (17 and younger).

For show times, tickets, and more information visit [www.centerstagetheatre.com](http://www.centerstagetheatre.com).

- Attend a fun family event to kick off the holiday season with the Christmas Ship in Des Moines.

You can stop by the Des Moines Beach Park on Dec. 6 from 7-10 p.m. to join the festivities.

The Christmas Ship Festival Lead Boat will set sail after the Song of Seattle's performance at 7:20 p.m., and then from Redondo Beach at 8:20 p.m.

The address is Cliff Avenue S., and S. 220th, Des Moines.

Tickets are \$44 for adults, \$39 for seniors, \$29 for youths (ages 4-12), and free for kids ages 3 and younger.

For tickets and more information visit [www.argosy-cruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival/](http://www.argosy-cruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival/).

- The Burien Actor's Theatre will show *The Christmas Carol Rag* from Nov. 24- Dec. 17. This musical tells Dicken's story with a twist.

Ebenezer is recast as Evelyn, who runs a sweatshop, and faces a reevaluation of her morals when she is visited by the ghosts of Christmas past and present.

The Friday and Saturday showings will be at 8 p.m., and the Sunday matinees will be at 2 p.m. The address is 14501 4th Ave. S.W., Seattle. For tickets, and more information visit [burienactorstheatre.org/](http://burienactorstheatre.org/).

# Momentum Dance Ensemble in Burien performs holiday classic

By Natalie Moeller  
Staff Reporter

You don't have to fight Seattle traffic this year to get your seasonal fix of the *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*.

*The Nutcracker* for many has become an essential element of the winter holiday experience, and there is a rendition that is both affordable and nearby.

This festive ballet is performed in the heart of Burien at Highline Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$20 for adults (18-59), and \$16 for students and seniors.

"Seeing *The Nutcracker* performed by a small studio not only is a cheaper option, but it also helps kids in your community have access to dance classes regardless to their financial situation," said Mia Cullen, Highline student and principal dancer at Momentum, a local dance studio.

In *The Nutcracker*, the main character, Clara, receives a magical nutcracker as a Christmas gift. The nutcracker then protects Clara from the Rat King/Queen



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Momentum Ballet performs *The Nutcracker*.

and takes her on a journey to the Land of Snow and the Land of Sweets.

Momentum Dance Ensemble is a non-profit organization.

The studio puts on an annual full-length version of *The Nutcracker*, performed by local students.

"At Momentum, *The Nutcracker* is more than just a show, it's a tradition. Because we perform it every year, every time we test ourselves to make this year

better than the last," Cullen said.

The ballet is around one and a half hours long, and includes two acts.

Act One involves the party and snow scene.

Act Two presents the land of sweets, with dances that capture the essence of Arabian tea, marzipan, Sugar Plum, Chinese coffee and many more.

"Everyone should see the *Nutcracker* because it is such an amazing show. Also, if someone

has never seen a ballet this is a great first choice," said Alelia Matson, a student at Highline and principal dancer at Momentum.

The cast consists of students ages 16 to 18. They were chosen following auditions to perform roles by teachers and the artistic director.

The young artists began rehearsing six-plus hours each week, starting in September.

"It involves an immense amount of practice. You attend technique class so you're dancing beautifully and you attend the rehearsal to learn and practice choreography. A lot of time, effort, blood, sweat and tears," Matson said.

The ballet has a matinee and evening show on Saturday, Dec. 3. The matinee show starts at 2 p.m., and the evening show starts at 7 p.m.

The Highline Performing Arts Center is at 401 S. 152nd St. in Burien.

For more information or to buy tickets visit, <http://momentumdanceacademy.org>

## Holiday Pops this weekend in Federal Way

By Kyli Pigg  
Staff Reporter

Grammy award-winning pop star The Wanz will headline the Federal Way Symphony's annual Holiday concert, Holiday Pops this weekend.

This show goes on Saturday Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S.

This concert will be a pops extravaganza for an audience of all ages and will feature hip-hop, R & B, and soul.

This concert will feature Michael "The Wanz" Wansley, a

Grammy award-winning pop singer. The Wanz is a 56 year old artist from Lakewood. He is best known for his collaboration with fellow Seattle artists Macklemore and Ryan Lewis on the song *Thrift Shop*, which he performed with them on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, and *Saturday Night Live*.

"There's a lot of ways you can do pops. One way is symphonic pops, where you obtain an arrangement of past popular tunes and you can play them with a symphony orchestra," said Brian Davenport, director of the Federal Way Symphony.

"What we're doing is pop mu-

sic, but all new material," Davenport said. "The Wanz is performing this as if he is creating a new video."

Rachael DeShon will accompany The Wanz for these performances and will also be singing.

"We have arranged a number of pieces with the orchestra for The Wanz to sing," Davenport said. "This is going to be a very entertaining show."

Tickets for this event range from \$39-\$50 for adults, \$34-\$45 for seniors, \$18 for students with ID, and \$10 for youth younger than 10 years.

Despite the fact that ticket prices have risen as a result of building the new Federal Way

Performing Arts and Events Center, the attendance is better than ever, Davenport said.

"This sort of facility comes with a cost, we have had to adjust all our pricing to accommodate for these new costs," Davenport said. "But still our prices are less than half what it is in Seattle."

The Federal Way Symphony is "stepping up to the plate," Davenport said.

"When we were performing in the church, people had a lower expectation, and going into this hall, it's a large professional hall," Davenport said.

For tickets and more information, go to [federalwaysymphony.org](http://federalwaysymphony.org) or call 253-252-2693.

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# Students' band rocks finals and shows

**By Kyli Pigg**  
Staff Reporter

A higher education may provide security for their futures, but one Highline student and his alumni buddy would rather rock out.

Jady Ankeny and Ethan Fenster are in a band called Hi Hello. Ankeny plays guitar and Fenster pounds the drums.

The name "Hi Hello" is an inside joke between Ankeny and Fenster.

"It's the first thing people say when they get on stage and announce themselves," Ankeny said. "We found that amusing."

The band makes music they call "post-rock shoegaze," Ankeny said.

Hi Hello has recently released an album that was entirely self-produced, which they recorded at Ankeny's brother's studio.

The album, *Self Titled*, was recorded only onto cassette tapes which are only available at their shows. They released the album on Sept. 11 at their album release show which also happened to be their first show. They played at the Funk Haus, a small house/venue in Capitol Hill.

The band has a small following and they consider themselves to be "pretty under-

*Hi, Hello band members Jady Ankeny, left, and Ethan Fenster get ready to practice their music.*



ground." Ankeny said. "We've only played a few shows but have had a group of fans that have showed up at all of them."

They have been playing music together since the summer of 2015, but have only officially been a band since January of this year.

"We would describe our sound as being punched in the eardrums," Ankeny said.

Hi Hello's goal is to make its music as loud as possible.

"We are working on our next album, so we aren't playing many shows at the moment,"

Fenster said. "We plan on going on a 2018 autumn tour down the West Coast."

Hi Hello doesn't have any form of social media or music released online, but they are currently working on making a bandcamp and Instagram account. The band prides itself on its exposure being only by word-of-mouth or that you might accidentally see them playing a house show.

"You just got to be in the right place at the right time," Fenster said.

"Godspeed You! Black Em-

peror, Thee Silver Mt. Zion, Mogwai, Slint, My Bloody Valentine, Deafheaven, and Slowdive are our greatest musical influences," Fenster and Ankeny said.

Family members were their conduits into music.

"My dad was a touring musician and my interest in music was really sparked when I would see him play as a kid," Ankeny said. "My Brother Terrence is also in a band. I've just been around music all my life."

"My brother was also in a few bands, and played at Sound Off!

in Seattle," Fenster said. "I admired him. He gave me his old drum set and everything took off from there."

For Ankeny, his music world is his comfort zone.

"I like to always be around my instruments. By being at home I am able to make music whenever I feel like it," he said.

Ankeny currently manages playing music and going to Highline by taking online classes and said that for him, it is fairly easy to balance school and make music.

"School isn't very fun to me so it helps that I have music as a creative outlet," Ankeny said.

He graduates in December.

"I am currently getting my AA this quarter and applying to UW for a degree in environmental science," Ankeny said. "After Hi Hello tours in 2018 we will be able to gauge whether people like us enough to live as professional musicians."

Fenster goes to school in Bellingham.

He comes down from Western Washington University every weekend to make music with Ankeny.

"I just have to make sure I get my school work done during the week and then I can work on music all weekend," Fenster said.

## Dancers hope for momentum in variety show

**By Natalie Moeller**  
Staff Reporter

A variety show featuring student performances of different dance styles will unfold over two nights in mid-December.

Burien's Momentum Dance Ensemble will present Christmas Time is Here.

Hip hop, contemporary, jazz, theater, tap and Irish dance styles will be performed, accompanied by festive holiday hits that will be played at the show.

It will take place on Monday, Dec. 18 and Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

You can take your seats at 6:30 p.m.

"Since September, every class has been working hard to put together a dance.

It's a huge commitment for both the dancers and the teachers to make this happen, we've put hours of work into every dance," said Mia Culden a Momentum dancer and Highline student.

"I participate in Christmas Time is Here because dance is my passion. I love to be able to perform and show off my hard work," said Lily Balladone, another Highline student.

Balladone also describes the environment at Momentum to be extremely welcoming, very supportive and challenging as well.

The students range in age from 5 to 18.

They perform separate dances depending on their ages, levels and styles.

Organizers say the show is great for families of any religious background as well as for young or old audiences. This show is centered on festive family fun and is a great way to meet people in their community.

"The show includes extremely young dancers, along

with adult tap dancers.

Since there are so many different styles of dance in the show, everyone gets to see something they like," Balladone said.

Tickets are \$18 for adults (18-59), \$14 for students and youth (2-17).

They are \$14 for seniors

(60+), and children younger than 2 are free.

The show is at the Highline Performing Arts Center.

The address is 401 S. 152nd St. in Burien.

For more information and to buy tickets in advance, visit [app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=mmda](http://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=mmda).



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### LISTENING SESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Highline College Campus — Building 2

9:00-10:15 AM — Classified staff

10:30-11:45 AM — Exempt staff

12:30-1:45 PM — Students

2:00-3:15 PM — Faculty

4:30-6:00 PM — Evening students and part-time faculty





# Women’s golf needs players

By Aileen Kaye  
Staff Reporter

The women’s golf team just completed the first half of its split season, and Head Coach Steve Turcotte is scrambling for more.

He has found at least one new player, Mikayla Kato, a sophomore who graduated from Foster High School.

But the search continues.

“We had a player two years ago, that was walking around campus with a golf sweatshirt,” Turcotte said. They ended up contacting her and getting her to join the team.

“She played for two years and she got a scholarship both years,” Turcotte said.

“During the winter we will be focusing on fitness two days a week,” Turcotte said as he tries to keep his team sharp during the five-month split between their matches.

In the first half of their season, Highline finished close to last place in the three tournaments they participated in.

At the beginning of last month, Oct. 1-2, the women’s golf team played in a two-round tournament hosted by Olympic.

The tournament had a two-way tie between Spokane, last year’s NWAC champs, and Columbia Basin for first place; both finished with 515.

Highline finished with 595, putting them second to last, just ahead of Centralia.

Columbia Basin’s Briana Esvelt took first, scoring 155 for her team.

For Highline, sophomore Ruby Lampkey tied for 29th place, leading her team with 190 points.

Highline freshman Jenna Muller finished in 33rd place with 195 points.

Alyssa Metzger, a freshman for Highline finished in 40th place with 210 points.

On Oct. 22-23 Highline participated in the NWAC Golf Committee Open in Yakima.

Lampkey finished with 196, Muller finished with 200, and Metzger finished with 220.

Highline came home in eighth place out of 9 teams, scoring 616.

Spokane won the tournament with a total of 512.

Highline then hosted a tournament at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way on Oct. 29-30.

North Idaho took first, 490, beating Spokane by one point, 491. Highline finished in last with 555.

Muller lead the T-Birds with 167, Lampkey had 178, and Metzger had 220.

Highline’s next match is on April 1-2 when they host their second tournament at Twin Lakes.

They will then travel to Hayden Lake, ID on April 15-16 to compete in the North Idaho League Match.

# European prospect shoots for Highline

By Donnie Moore  
Staff Reporter

Highline men’s basketball could possibly gain a new recruit from Belgium.

Gedeon Gekamba, 19, stands at 6’6, and hopes to join the men’s basketball team. Born in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gekamba has a great passion for basketball.

“I feel good and I love this game. I feel good when I play basketball,” Gekamba said.

Gekamba, moved from the Congo to Europe at the age of 9 and has lived much of his life in Belgium. Growing up in general, Gekamba was always an avid soccer player and enjoyed playing sports.

“I love sports. I played soccer since I was young, I still love it,” Gekamba said.

His passion for basketball came after he suffered a minor injury to his knee which kept him from soccer. He saw basketball as an opportunity to continue in sports after his injury.

“It was nothing too big, [but] I could not play at the same level after suffering it, I was playing at a high level of soccer at the time, so why not start another thing?” Gekamba said about his injury and switching from soccer to basketball.

Gekamba says that he gets his inspiration from watching American basketball and trying to learn from them.

“The NBA stars, I love to see them play, [I asked] why not? I could do that, so I did,” Gekamba said.

He came to Highline because of a family connection. While in Belgium he brought up the idea of coming to America to play basketball to his mother, who then put him in touch with her brother, Moise Shutsha, who before then Gekamba had barely known.

“I didn’t talk to him much when I was in Belgium. When I said to my mom I want to go to America she said ‘All right, my brother [is] in the US, you can go to him.’ He has become a father figure to me,” Gekamba said.

He wanted to travel to America because he thought that if he wanted to play on a high level, he had to go where basketball was taken more seriously.

“I want to improve my game at Highline, because when I was in Belgium and France different clubs came to see me. They wanted me to play with them but my mom and my parents said it was too early for me and I wanted to come to the US to improve my game and see what happens,” Gekamba said.

Gekamba said he feels that



Trinity Nolan/THUNDERWORD

Gedeon Gekamba hopes to join the Highline men’s basketball team.

with an opportunity to play at Highline, he could possibly go far with a career in basketball.

“I have a lot to learn in basketball. I started playing basketball two years ago. I improved my game so much a big team came to me. I think I can improve my game again, so I have to try and see what happens,” Gekamba said. “If it doesn’t work here I can find something in Europe.”

So far, Gekamba’s transition from playing basketball in Europe, to now hopefully playing in America, has been easy but there are things he says he still needs to get used to.

“In America it is more of a spectacle, in France they care more about the fundamentals,” said Gekamba.

He could be on the Highline court this winter. Men’s basketball Head Coach Che Dawson is open to any new players joining the team.

“It is possible to have a new,

eligible player join the team after the Fall Quarter is over. It is not something we do very often.” Dawson said.

He is positive about his chance to succeed in basketball, but he says that he still tries to stay true to his values.

“Be ambitious. Do whatever it takes to get what you want, respect people who teach you and help you and give back when you are successful” Gekamba said. “And without god we are nothing.”



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# David Harris ready for great year

By Andrew LaChapelle  
Staff Reporter

Highline men’s basketball freshman David Harris has been a star early on for the T-Birds.

Harris, from Tacoma and who played at Lincoln High School last year, is a young leader for the T-Birds who’s ready to bring a title back to Highline. The T-Bird’s last NWAC title was in 2006, but Harris has put winning a title at the top of his goals.

“I want to help Highline win an NWAC title. I want to win a lot of games while I’m here,” said Harris.

Harris was recruited by Highline Head Coach Che Dawson who he clicked with as soon as they met.

“Coach Dawson is really an amazing coach. He was one of the few that sought after me and gave me a chance,” said Harris.

Harris is 6’4, “around average for a basketball player, yet he makes up for it with his athleticism as he can pull up from deep or drive in the paint with ease.

Harris through the first two games has averaged 21.5 points per game while shooting 64 percent from three point range, but credits his success to his teammates.

“All the credit to my teammates setting me up, getting me good looks,” said Harris.



Izzy Anderson/THUNDERWORD  
David Harris has played well this season for the T-Birds.

For as good of a basetball player as Harris is, he’s focused on the team aspect of the game rather than himself.

His humble attitude and demeanor can be traced back to his days at Lincoln. In his senior year, he helped the Abes to an undefeated regular season and a West Central District 3 title. Harris was a key contributor for the Abes but admits

he played a background role to some of his teammates who are now currently Division 1 players.

“I played a fifth man role. We had some really elite players at Lincoln. We only lost one game all year,” said Harris.

When the Abes got to the playoffs they met Nathan Hale in the quarterfinals, the No.1 ranked team in the country

with some elite future division 1 players. Lincoln went on to lose the game but Harris insists the opportunity is one he won’t forget.

“We were hyped up, it was really fun to guard the best player in the country and we gave them a great game,” said Harris.

Harris is currently majoring in biology and plans to transfer to a four-year after his time at Highline. He insists that the key to his success in the classroom is all about time management.

“I turn down the social life and I’m in the library pretty often,” he said.

Academics play a big role in Harris’s life and he wants to make sure that it stays that way even when he does go to the next level.

“I’d love to play at a four-year but it has to align with my academics, definitely has to be the right fit,” Harris said.

As for now, Harris is focused on getting Highline back to the playoffs.

“We all have to buy in. I think if we can do that we can make a deep run,” said Harris.

Harris and the T-Birds return to action tonight at home versus the Seattle Mountaineers, a semi-professional basketball club, at 7 p.m. Admission is free to students, staff and faculty with college ID. Non-college adult admission is \$6 and youth younger than 18 get in free.

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Scoreboard

## Women’s Basketball

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Team	League	Season
S Puget Sound	0-0	3-0
Highline	0-0	1-0
Grays Harbor	1-0	4-1
Lower Columbia	0-0	3-1
Green River	1-1	1-1
Centralia	0-0	1-1
Pierce	0-0	2-4
Tacoma	0-0	0-0
EAST		
Team	League	Season
North Idaho	0-0	3-0
Big Bend	0-0	2-0
Treasure Valley	0-0	2-1
Walla Walla	0-0	2-1
Yakima Valley	0-0	2-1
Wenatchee Valley	0-0	2-1
Columbia Basin	0-0	1-2
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-2
Spokane	0-0	0-0
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Everett	0-0	1-0
Bellevue	0-0	2-1
Whatcom	0-0	1-1
Edmonds	0-0	1-2
Olympic	0-0	1-3
Peninsula	0-0	0-0
Skagit Valley	0-0	0-2
Shoreline	0-0	0-2
SOUTH		
Team	League	Season
Lane	0-0	3-0
Umpqua	0-0	4-0
Clackamas	0-0	3-1
Portland	0-0	1-1
Linn-Benton	0-0	1-3
Mt. Hood	0-2	1-3
SW Oregon	0-0	1-5
Clark	0-0	0-2
Chemeketa	0-0	0-2
Men’s Basketball		

WEST		
Team	League	Season
S Puget Sound	0-0	2-0
Lower Columbia	0-0	3-1
Highline	0-0	1-1
Centralia	0-0	1-2
Green River	0-0	1-4
Grays Harbor	0-0	0-3
EAST		
Team	League	Season
North Idaho	0-0	2-0
Walla Walla	0-0	2-0
Spokane	0-0	3-0
Yakima Valley	0-0	2-1
Columbia Basin	0-0	2-3
Treasure Valley	0-0	2-3
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NORTH		
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Edmonds	0-0	2-0
Bellevue	0-0	3-0
Everett	0-0	4-2
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Lane	0-0	2-0
Portland	0-0	5-0
Umpqua	0-0	2-0
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SW Oregon	0-0	2-2

# Matmates bond through wrestling

By Alli Hand  
Staff Reporter

Adrian Avena and Liam Corbett have sparked a friendship while training and competing with each other on Highline’s wrestling team.

Avena is a sophomore transfer from Minot State University wrestling in the 149-pound weight class.

Before entering college Avena attended Todd Beamer High School and stayed active with sports. Along with wrestling, Avena was a competitive cheerleader on South Elite, a team known for being the best cheerleading program in the Northwest.

Avena credits cheerleading to helping his wrestling career as it taught him how to fall correctly and strengthened his shoulders, which is beneficial in wrestling.

After Avena completed his freshman year at Minot State University, he left North Dakota and transferred to Highline.

“I left Minot because it was so cold all the time and the school [was] out in the middle of nowhere,” said Avena.

Coming from Honolulu, Hawaii Corbett is a freshman wrestling in the 157-pound weight class. While in Hawaii, Corbett was an All-American and a two-time state champion.

Though Corbett has made great achievements, he isn’t the only one in his family to wrestle competitively.

“I grew up with wrestling always being around me,” said Corbett.

As both Corbett and Avena are in similar weight classes they were assigned to practice together every day during mat time. This is where their friendship kicked off.

“We push each other outside the classroom, making sure we get our homework done. But we be kickin’ it outside school and stuff though too,” said Avena.

They now train, compete and hang out with each other frequently. They attend school events like volleyball games together, but keep each other focused on academics as well.

Avena, Corbett, and the T-Bird wrestling team will next be competing Dec. 2 in Portland, at the Clackamas Duals.



Izzy Anderson/THUNDERWORD  
Liam Corbett wants another championship.



Izzy Anderson/THUNDERWORD  
Adrian Avena hopes to make his first year at Highline memorable.



# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

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1. LITERATURE: What 20th-century author wrote a short story titled *Gimpel the Fool*?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Sometimes called “the second most visited home in America,” what Memphis, Tennessee, estate was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only mountain in North America that exceeds 20,000 feet?
4. FIRSTS: Who became the first woman in the British Parliament in 1919?
5. HISTORY: The International Committee of the Red Cross won what prize in 1944?
6. SCIENCE: In forensic science, what is dermatoglyphics?
7. MOVIES: In one of the

movie’s classic songs, how much sugar does Mary Pop-pins say is necessary to make the medicine go down?

8. MUSIC: What is the clas-sification for an album that sells 10 million copies?

9. EXPLORERS: What Eu-ropean explorer was the first to reach the Mississippi River in 1541?

10. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for the malady called pityriasis capitis?

- Answers
1. Isaac Bashevis Singer
  2. Graceland
  3. Denali (Mount McKinley)
  4. Lady Nancy Astor
  5. The Nobel Peace Prize
  6. The study of fingerprints
  7. A spoonful
  8. Diamond
  9. Hernando de Soto
  10. Dandruff

**Puzzle answers on Page 12**

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bot-tom 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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## ACROSS

- 1 PC alternative
- 4 Like omelet-tes or quiche
- 8 Secondhand
- 12 Have bills
- 13 Color quality
- 14 "The Thin Man" heroine
- 15 Hotel person-nel
- 17 Cole Porter's "Let's —"
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new chal-lenge emerges after the 15th.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor re-sists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by some-one who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be as-sured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-



done. Now you can take a breather from your worka-day duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed en-ergy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A po-tentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to fin-ish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (Novem-ber 22 to December 21)

Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project with-out knowing what's expect-ed of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

CAPRICORN (Decem-ber 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable ex-pressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that per-sonal situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing sig-nals. Best advice: Don't as-sume that things will neces-sarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relation-ship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natu-ral sense of caution. Mean-while, check out that new job offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with oth-ers. But you invariably come



Wrap up your plans for holiday parties

If you love to entertain, but feel pressured by the holiday rush, why not host a party with a purpose?

A tree-trimming party is one of the easiest ways to have a fun gathering for family and friends while getting some of your holiday decorating done.

It's best to schedule your party early in December, before the holiday crush of shopping and holiday events are in full force.

If possible, give your guests at least two to four weeks notice.

PREPARING FOR THE PARTY

- Set up your tree and string it with lights before your guests arrive. Clear out the area around the tree so everyone has easy access to hang the ornaments.
- Add festive garlands or pine cone roping around the fireplace, over the doors and throughout the house. Add colorful ornaments in decorative glass bowls and vases and place them around the room. Scatter wrapped Christmas candies on the tables.
- To give your home a holiday aroma, place a few cinnamon sticks or 2 tablespoons of cinnamon, 2 tablespoons of vanilla and 3 cups of water in a pot and bring it to a boil. Play your favorite holiday music to set the mood.

- Fill an assortment of baskets, tins or decorative boxes with red, green, gold or white tissue paper or colorful shredded paper and carefully place your ornaments in the baskets along with hooks or ribbon to hang them on the tree. If your ornament collection includes treasured heirlooms, hang them yourself, either before guests arrive or wait to hang them until after they've left.
- Ask your guests to decorate an ornament or two and hang them on the tree. Have the kids cut out ornaments from construction paper and decorate the front with markers, sticker and glitter. You also can make and bake your own ornaments (see recipes below for Cinnamon Dough and Salt Dough Ornaments) or you can buy plain wooden ornaments from a craft store. Have your guests decorate them with paints or markers and write their names and the date on the back.

To make old-fashioned garlands, set-up large bowls of popcorn or cranberries, large sewing needles and spools of heavy red, gold or green thread for guests to use to string the decorations for the tree. Thread the needles before your guests arrive, but do not cut the thread from the spool. It will take a lot of thread for the popcorn garland to cover an entire tree.

It's best to slide the piece of popcorn or cranberry to the end of the thread to prevent knots. Make sure that it is well-secured, so that popcorn or cranberries won't fall off, and then gently cut the thread.

- Set a table with simple fin-



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With a little planning, you can have a lovely Christmas party.

ger foods and appetizers with a winter or Christmas theme, or purchase platters from your local grocery store or gourmet deli.

- Serve a variety of drinks, including hot chocolate, coffee, eggnog, cider punch and water.
- Purchase some mini Christmas stockings as parting gifts. Fill them with a selection of holiday chocolates or peppermint sticks, or for the children,

a Christmas puzzle or holiday coloring book with crayons. Remember, relax, have fun, make memories, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

- 3/4 cup applesauce
- 1 cup cinnamon

- 1 tablespoon ground cloves
  - 1 tablespoon nutmeg
1. Heat oven to 150 F.
  2. Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl. Work dough until smooth. Dust rolling surface and pin with more cinnamon, and roll the dough to 1/3 inch thickness. Use cookie cutters to cut out shape, and make a hole near the top with a straw or pencil. Makes 12-14 medium ornaments.
  3. Bake for 2 1/2 hours on an ungreased cookie sheet, flipping halfway through the baking time. Cool on a wire cookie rack. When completely cooled, paint with acrylic paints or markers. String a piece of ribbon or raffia through the hole.

SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS

- 1 cup flour
  - 1/2 cup salt
  - 1/2 cup water
1. Heat oven to 250 F.
  2. Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl. Work the dough until smooth; add a little more flour if sticky, or a little more water if crumbly. Dust the rolling surface and pin with more flour, and roll the dough to 1/3 inch thickness.
  3. Use cookie cutters to cut out shape, and make a hole near the top with a straw or pencil.
  4. Bake for 2 hours on an ungreased cookie sheet. Cool on a wire cookie rack. When completely cooled, paint with acrylic paints or markers. String a piece of ribbon or raffia through the hole. Makes 15-20 medium ornaments.

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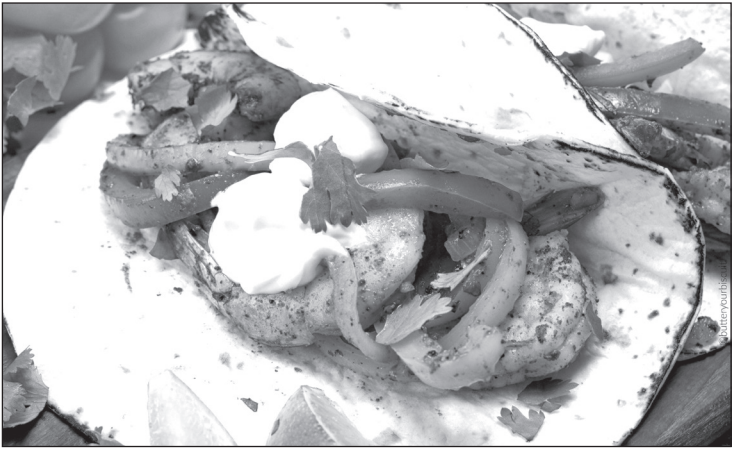
by Angela Shelf Medearis

Easy-spicy recipe for shrimp-lovers

Chili powder is the magic ingredient that gives these shrimp fajitas their spice. For lovers of heat, sprinkle in a dash more for an extra kick.

Good Housekeeping

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 large onion
  - 2 large red peppers
  - 1 pound shrimp
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon lime juice
  - 2 clove garlic
  - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 8 flour tortillas
  - 1 cup salsa
  - 2/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
  2. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in 12-inch skillet on medi-



Spicy shrimp fajitas are tasty and easy to make.

- um-high. Add onion and red peppers; cook, covered, 10 minutes or until softened, stirring.
3. Meanwhile, in large jelly-roll pan, toss 1 pound shrimp; 1 tablespoon each olive oil and lime juice; 2 cloves garlic, pressed; 1/2 teaspoon chili powder; and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread in single layer; bake 8 minutes or until shrimp turn opaque.
  4. Wrap 8 flour tortillas in damp kitchen towel, then in foil, and warm in oven 5 minutes while shrimp cook. Serve tortillas, shrimp and onion mixture with 1 cup salsa, 2/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream and lime wedges. Serves 4.

Bacon and cheese sandwich deluxe for your breakfast

Getting tired of turkey and all of the fixins that go with it? How about a special grilled-cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup?

- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 6 tablespoons bacon bits
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons (4 1/2 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 slices reduced-calorie white or whole-wheat bread

1. Plug in and generously spray both sides of double-sided electric contact grill with butter-flavored cooking spray, and preheat for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise and onion. Add bacon bits and Cheddar cheese. Mix well to combine. Evenly spread about

Comfort foods

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- 1/4 cup cheese mixture over 4 slices of bread, then top each with another slice of bread.
  - 3. Evenly arrange sandwiches on prepared grill. Lightly spray top of sandwiches with butter-flavored cooking spray. Close lid and grill for 3 to 4 minutes or until bread is toasted and filling is hot. Serve at once. Serves 4.
- \* Each serving: 208 calories, 8g fat, 17g protein, 17g carbs, 903mg sodium, 250mg calcium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 Starch; Carb Choices: 1.



# Men's basketball drops three straight

By Andrew LaChapelle  
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team lost all three games they played this weekend.

The T-Birds played the Seattle Mountaineers on Friday night at the Thunderdome in a game where Highline found themselves down big twice in the game.

Both times the T-Birds battled back, but it was not enough as the Mountaineers won the game by a score of 83-80.

With less than a minute left in regulation and Highline down 1, the Mountaineers missed a three-point attempt yet came up with the rebound, which forced Highline to foul.

Mountaineers player Djuan Miller missed the front end of the one and one yet Highline once again could not come up with the rebound, forcing Highline to foul again. Highline had one more chance with a desperation three-point attempt that came up short, ending the game.

Head Coach Che Dawson said his team needs to improve on securing rebounds in clutch situations.

"Part of it is initiating contact and moving the offensive



Jack Harton Photo  
*Desmond Hudson goes up for a close up jump shot.*

player away from the basket. A lot of it is toughness and a sense

of urgency going and getting the ball," said Dawson.

Weston Vandenhazel led the T-Birds in scoring with 16 while securing 11 rebounds. Both Steffun Singleton and Antaveus Brown also contributed some impressive athletic scoring plays.

Dawson said both Brown and Singleton have flashes of good play but need to understand their roles.

"Steffun can score, but has to be more concerned about quarterbacking the team and getting other guys in position to score first.

Antaveus needs to work hard on the glass defensively and knock down open threes," Dawson said.

Travis Rice came off the bench and hit some clutch three point shots with 9 of his 11 points coming from three-point range.

"Travis is one of the guys we have who can really shoot the three," said Dawson.

Dawson said the T-Birds have not played to their ability thus far.

"We aren't playing for each other and we lack patience offensively," he said.

David Harris also agreed that the T-Birds oftentimes don't play to their potential.

"Sometimes it seems like we have to get beat up and pushed around to wake up and play to

our potential," said Harris.

Last Saturday the T-Birds faced off against Everett in a game that was not even close from the start. Everett shot out to a 49-26 lead at halftime.

The Trojans were led in scoring by guard Conner Moffatt, who dropped 42 points. The T-Birds picked up the intensity in the second half but it was too little, too late as Everett took home the victory with a score of 101-74.

Dawson said his team needs to learn it will take a complete effort to be successful in the NWAC.

"We better understand really quick that winning games at this level takes work for 40 minutes," said Dawson.

In the final game of the weekend the T-Birds faced off against Edmonds College in a back and forth contest. The Tritons sealed the victory in the last minute with a final score of 83-80.

Highline was led by David Harris, who dropped 20 points, along with a double-double by Steffun Singleton, who had 12 points with 11 assists.

Highline's next game is tomorrow vs. Skagit Valley at 1 p.m. at the Bellevue tournament located at Bellevue College.

## Men's wrestling wins two despite forfeits

By Alli Hand  
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team earned its first victories, against Warner Pacific and Southwestern Oregon, last weekend.

At the Clackamas Duals last Saturday, Highline defeated Warner Pacific 39-6, defeated Southwestern Oregon 32-19, and fell to Clackamas 34-24.

The matches were marked with many forfeits but Highline won enough to come out the victor in two of the meets.

"We are finding out that a few of the other teams are pretty banged up as well. This opened the door up for several forfeits," said Head Coach Scott Norton on the wrestling webpage.

Against Warner Pacific there were a total of six forfeits and four matches. Of those four matches, Highline won all of them.

Austin Lister, wrestling in the 133-pound weight class, faced Logan Higganbottom and won 18-3 in a technical fall.

In an exhibition round, Patrick Wheeler won by fall in the 133-pound weight class.

At 157, Liam Corbett defeated Zhack Carrie by fall to assist

in Highline's victory over Warner Pacific.

Ben Gore, wrestling at 174 pounds, won against Jessie Johnson, 11-1.

Against Southwestern Oregon, there were six forfeits and three matches, which were all won by Highline.

Wrestling in the 125-pound weight class, Jacob Mendoza defeated Francisco Barrera 5-1. Lister, at 133, beat Christian Balgeso.

Ben Gore at 174 pounds, and Mitchell Owens at 184 pounds both won their matches as well to give Highline the victory.

During the Clackamas meet there was six matches and four forfeits.

Highline's Jacob Mendoza began the meet with a win in the 125-pound weight class.

At 157 pounds, Corbett was beaten by Isaiah Diggs 15-6.

Later in the meet Emmanuel Daigbe was moved up to heavyweight and forfeited the 197-pound weight class, giving Highline a chance to win over Clackamas. However, Daigbe was put in a headlock and defeated.

Highline's wrestling team will face Umpqua tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Pavillion.



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## Consent

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18 years old and in certain circumstances, as old as 21 when there are two parties.

Washington is one of the many states that has set the age of consent at 16 years old. This means that in a situation similar to what Moore has admitted to, a sexual relationship between a 16-year-old and a 30-year-old wouldn't be considered illegal in Washington.

State law "is limited to a supervisory role such as between a teacher and student or a foster parent and their child," said Highline professor of legal studies, Che Dawson.

Highline students range in age, including minors in the Running Start program under the age of 18, to students who are old enough to have child support payments.

"This is an adult campus and we don't provide the same amount of oversight that students get in high school," said Gloria Koepping, a Highline Counseling Center psychologist. "I would urge all students to know about the age of consent in Washington, and have what I call sexual refusal skills."

However, from Koepping's experience, drinking and drug use is the bigger problem.

"Date rape culture centers a lot around alcohol and usually on campuses," Koepping said. Students should be educated about alcohol use and, if they are going to partake in these activities, they need to be safe and smart about it.

The best resource someone has to protect themselves is to mitigate risk as much as possible, Koepping said. "I wish all students would take a sexuality class in order to learn about the social implications of sex."

One key area students should be aware of is the question of age differences due to what is commonly referred to as the "Romeo and Juliet" law, which defines the maximum age gaps that may exist between sexually active children.

After speaking with James Laukkonen, a criminal defense lawyer based in Olympia regarding this issue, it's clear things get more complicated the younger the person is.

RCW title 9A, chapter 44 states that there are three brackets broken into the ages of less than 12 years of age, 12 and 13 years of age and 14 to 16 years of age, which define rape of a child and are varying degrees of felonies.

Those under the age of 12, are legally allowed to engage in sexual activity with someone no more than 24 months older.

12 and 13-year-olds, there cannot be an age difference of more than 36 months.

And for 14 and 15-year-olds, the age gap can be no more than 48 months.

## Cooke

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It was working with senior citizens in the 1970s, that gave her the idea to run for office, Cooke said.

She said before that she "didn't really know anything about politics."

One of the biggest additions to Kent during Cooke's time as mayor was the construction of the Accesso Showare Center. Built during the height of the great recession, the arena has lost money every year since it opened in 2009. The venue has lost a total of \$3.5 million since it first opened its doors.

Cooke said that the project was a victim of terrible price escalation, which resulted in the cost escalating \$600,000 a month. But she said that it was worth it, saying that it has become an "attraction."

"Operationally, what it loses is a drop in the bucket for what it brings in," Cooke said.

Cooke said that the arena creates \$12 million in economic benefit yearly for the businesses around the Accesso Showare Center, and that the venue kept surrounding businesses in operation during the recession.

"We would have seen Kent Station shuttered," Cooke said, adding that "we kept those restaurants alive."

Cooke said that there is a difference between worth and cost. She cited the Senior Center, which costs \$1 million a year to operate, as a way the city spends money to benefit the community.

"Who would ever say that's a loss?" Cooke asked.

The mayor also said she is working on bridging Kent's "fiscal cliff" while in office.

The fiscal cliff is a result of Washington switching from an origin-based taxing system to a destination-based taxing system, which hit Kent hard due to the number of warehouses in the valley. The State of Washington currently subsidizes Kent \$5 million a year for the switch. That money could stop coming in 2021 or sooner.

That, along with the \$4.7 million the city will be losing from the state starting in 2020 for the annexation of the Panther Lake area, has the city looking for a new revenue.

Cooke said that she has "given them [the City Council] tools for the budget to bridge the fiscal cliff."

She says that the City Council took a good first step last Tuesday by agreeing through a series of head nods to raise the property tax. The council cannot officially vote on the matter until they adopt the 2018 budget in December.

But one thing she does not want to see is a raising of the

business and occupation tax.

"I have always opposed the B&O tax," Cooke said.

Cooke says she opposes the B&O tax because "it is basically based on gross income. A business could lose money and still have to pay a fixed percentage."

She said she favors an income tax but, "we don't have that choice."

An income tax would require amending the state constitution, and voters have repeatedly rejected income tax proposals.

Even though she is focused on the budget now, she still has her eyes on the future. She said she is in constant communication with Mayor-elect Dana Ralph on many things.

Dana Ralph was elected the new mayor of Kent earlier this month after Cooke decided not to seek re-election to a fourth term.

Cooke said that Ralph has "already shown her leadership," and that Ralph is prepared and ready to replace her.

"She's been preparing to be mayor for several years," Cooke said, referencing Ralph's work on the Kent City Council.

As her time as mayor comes to a close, Cooke said that her favorite thing about Kent are the people who live there.

She said she has a great empathy for the immigrants who have moved there, and that the city has a "track record of a welcoming city."

When she first ran for mayor, she said that she doorbelled seven days a week to reach out to residents.

"That's what makes a community, the characters," she said.

## Search

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dent Government President Vanessa Primer.

Primer has already laid out several ideas for what the ideal student candidate looks like.

"We have considerations," she said. "It's extremely important they understand the commitment they're making."

One of those great commitments, Primer said, is time. The student will need to spend at least 40 hours reading applications next quarter, as well as communicate with Student Government about the search. It will be a two- or three-week process.

"There's a pretty humongous time commitment," she said.

Primer also said that the student representative will need to be active on the committee.

They will need to ask questions and represent concerns of the student body, she said.

Primer wants to make sure that student involvement at Highline is rewarded by change at the college, and not ignored.

"There are schools that are like that. Iron-fist ran," she said. "They don't understand the success of the college relies on involvement."

The student representative must be careful with their selection above all, she said.

"We have a unique college that needs a unique president," Primer said. "This student has to represent all of us and find a president that represents all

## Search forums coming up

Public listening sessions will be held across the South King County area regarding Highline's presidential search.

These sessions are on Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wiley Center Neighborhood House at Greenbridge, located at 9800 8th Ave. S.W., Seattle, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Federal Way Library in Meeting Room 2, located at 34200 1st Way S., and Dec. 6 on Highline's campus.

The on-campus session will be split into five separate public sessions: one for classified staff from 9 to 10:15 a.m., exempt staff from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., students from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., faculty from 2 to 3:15 p.m., and evening students and faculty from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

of us."

Right now, Primer said that the search is just starting.

"We have some possibilities. We might make our decisions in two weeks... we might have open [applications] instead," she said.

Mahlet Tiruneh, Student Government vice president, said the search is still trying to get off of the ground.

"We haven't got a lot of info on it yet," she said.

A forum for the student search committee will be held on Dec. 6 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Building 2.

"There," Tiruneh said, "we can hear from our students."



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