

## Text led to campuswide lockdown

By Mitchell Roland  
Staff Reporter

A text from a boyfriend led to Highline being put on lockdown for nearly three hours on Friday, Feb. 16.

These and more details were revealed during a forum last Friday to discuss the incident.

Representatives from the F.B.I., Des Moines Police, Public Safety, and Interim College President Jeff Wagnitz attended this forum to provide an update on the investigation, and to hear concerns.

On Friday, Feb. 16 the campus was put into lockdown after a report of gunshots on campus. Police believe that the shots were actually fired off campus, and they have recovered shell casings.

Des Moines Police Chief George Delgado said that the first calls were for an illegal discharge off campus, which he said is common for this area.

Chief Delgado said that over 150 people called to report the shots on campus.

As Des Moines Police got to Building 6 to assess the situation, a female called 911 to report that her boyfriend had run into Building 99.

Most of the campus is in Des Moines, Building 99 is in Kent.

"We were trying to figure



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George Delgado, David Menke, and Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, right, all spoke at the forum last Friday to hear and address any concerns regarding the campuswide lockdown that happened on Feb. 16.

out what's going on," Delgado said.

Kent Police dispatched SWAT to determine if there was a threat.

After searching Building 99 and the surrounding buildings, it was determined that there was no credible threat on campus.

Delgado said that misin-

formation on a situation can "spread very quickly, and it is understandable why."

Delgado said there were also misunderstandings amongst responders.

One of the first responders said they wanted the highway shut down, meaning Pacific Highway. I-5 was shut down for a period instead.

After an update on the investigation, staff, faculty, and students had their chance to voice concerns and ask questions of first responders.

Staff member Rhonda O'Brien was concerned how

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## Candidates line up for Highline presidency

By Izzy Anderson  
Staff Reporter

At least two dozen people have already applied to be Highline's next president.

Applications for new candidates are being accepted until March 2.

After Dr. Jack Bermingham retired as Highline president in July 2017, the search for a new president began. Dr. Jeff Wagnitz has since stepped up to the role of interim president, until the position is permanently filled.

The goal is to have someone hired by July 1.

"At this point we're simply waiting to see, once it closes on March 2, how many [applicants] we will have," said Board

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## Puente program to help LatinX students thrive

By Byron Patten  
Staff Reporter

Highline has implemented a new program to help its LatinX students succeed.

Puente is a new cohort at Highline with the mission to help educationally disadvantaged students learn more about LatinX culture, identity and higher education options.

The goal is also to have Puente scholars return to their community as leaders and men-



Joshua Magallanes

tor for the next generation, said Joshua Magallanes, director of Puente at Highline.

"I hope that the students will be educators in their own chosen fields of study. They are perusing degrees in various pathways," Magallanes said.

The program was launched by University of California-Berkeley in 1981 and has since been implemented in many colleges, benefiting approximately 300,000 students in higher education, middle and high school levels.

Highline, however, is the first college in Washington state to offer Puente.

"The university [Berkeley] designed Puente and its curriculum after researching successful classroom and cohort platforms," Magallanes said.

"It's similar to TRiO and Umoja in that we're offering a cohort-like setting with advisers, only Puente functions around the basis of LatinX curriculum specifically."

TRiO and Umoja are suc-

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Bob Roegner

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# Elevator repair will cost big bucks



The elevator in Building 6 is set to be repaired

By Chloe Wilhelm  
Staff Reporter

With the passing of the state capital budget, the elevator in Building 6 is set to be repaired and is expected to cost around \$260,000.

The elevator, which is original to the 1964 building, became out of order after the control panel/circuit board died. Due to the elevator’s age, this part is no longer available, which means the elevator will be extensively refurbished.

Barry Holldorf, director of Facilities & Operations at Highline, said that the elevator needs to be repaired because it supports a two-story building and is necessary to provide access.

“It provides assistance and access to both floors,” he said. “Although the building does have accessible pathways to both floors... this is about improving and maintaining accessibility.”

Holldorf said that the repairs will focus on



Holldorf

getting the elevator up to code.

“This will require some HVAC addition to the car shaft and elevator room, some communication upgrades in case of entrapment, and fire code upgrades in the car and shaft,” he said.

He explained that the repairs will cost around \$260,000, and said that Highline will pay for the repairs with the help of state funding.

The repairs are expected to start in three to four weeks, and will take four to five weeks to complete.

“We estimate sometime in late May to be completely operational,” Holldorf said.

# Power outages leave several campus buildings chilly

By Tamara Young  
Staff Reporter

Several Highline buildings were without heating due to a recent power outages a few weeks ago.

The power outage caused the digital control system to crash, said Barry Holldorf, director of facilities and operations at Highline.

“Each piece of equipment throughout our buildings has a controller and when they lose power they try to reset themselves normally,” Holldorf said. “Most controllers do come up as expected.”

“This was not the case this time and the college does not have the authorization to reset what we call JACEs (panels that control the many pieces of equipment that comes into these [electrical] panels),” Holldorf said.

The JACE (Java Application Control Engine) is basically an onboard computer in a cabinet that sends and receives information from pumps, motors, and heating and cooling boxes, Holldorf said.

“The JACE that crashed effects

buildings 1, 2, 3, 10 and a couple of others,” he said.

The panels were reset and most of the buildings have had their heat restored, but there are still a few that have not had the problem resolved, Holldorf said.

“Power outages require a lot of resetting equipment and fixing bugs for facilities teams,” he said. “There were some other buildings that created some other similar issues that we were able to reset or overcome a bit faster in-house.”

The electronic brain has not been fixed and Highline will continue to troubleshoot the problem, Holldorf said. The wiring in the heating and cooling system may need to be repaired, but for now facility operations can provide some heat to the buildings that have been affected via portable space heaters.

It will cost money to fix the problem and Highline will have to have people in the buildings to work on the system, he said.

Facility staff is trying to make it to the end of the quarter, so they do not interrupt the classes in those buildings any more than they already have, Holldorf said.



## Career Coach to offer tips

A Career Coach representative will be on campus to give tips and tricks to students and staff to help use to use the service.

Career Coach is an online service that provides data on wages, employment, job postings, and training in a variety of different fields.

The event will take place in the CASE center today in Building 6, room 214 today from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

You must register before hand to attend, and to sign up go to [studentemployment.highline.edu/events/registration/](http://studentemployment.highline.edu/events/registration/). Those who attend will receive a free USB jump drive.

## Presentation on toxins in the Sound

This Science on the Sound this week will be on how toxins enter into Puget Sound, and ways that people can help to protect the environment.

Erika Schreder is the science director at the Washington Toxics Coalition and will pres-

ent on how nonstick chemicals are threatening fish and wildlife in the Sound.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held at the MaST center from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

### Upcoming Winter Health Fair

The Winter Health Fair is scheduled to be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon in Building 8.

The fair will include information on various health topics and testing for things such as blood pressure, eye exams, and body fat.

The fair is free and is open to the public.

### GCU rep on campus

A representative from Grand Canyon University will be on hand to answer questions and to unofficially review transcripts on March 5.

The adviser will be in Building 8 on the first floor from 9

a.m. to noon.

### Honors colloquy gets feminerdy

This week’s Honors Colloquy is titled Feminerd 101: Girls Like Comics and Movies, Darn It! and will be presented by Jessica Ross.

Ross will present on her life-long struggle of finding podcasts and shows on these topics that were created by women. Ross and her friends then decided to make their own podcast.

The presentation will be held in Building 3, room 102 on Wednesday, March 7 from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

### Cyber Security gets a seminar

This week’s science seminar will be a presentation on cyber security by Information Technology Specialists Kip Wanzer and Kurt Giessel.

The free seminar will be held in Building 3, room 102 from 1:30 to 2:35 p.m.

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# Peace corps make a difference

**By Chloe Wilhelm**  
Staff Reporter

Being a Peace Corps volunteer is a valuable and educational experience, Highline faculty members said at a panel on Wednesday.

The Peace Corps Panel allowed faculty members to share their Peace Corps experiences.

Jenn Ritchey, who led the panel and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland from 2008 to 2010, worked in public health and focused on education to reduce the high HIV/AIDS rate in Swaziland.

"We did everything and anything we could to make a difference in the community," she said.

Dr. James Peyton, who teaches economics and served in the Dominican Republic from 1990 to 1992, worked in youth development and supported women's and youth groups.

He said that it was an international experience that gave him "cross-cultural appreciation."

Monica LeMoine, who teaches English at Highline, said that she really enjoyed being an ESL teacher in Uzbekistan from 1998 to 2000 as part of the



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*A panel of Peace Corps volunteers shared their experiences on Wednesday.*

Peace Corps.

"I learned about the importance of relationships, friendships, and family," she said.

John Traugott, director of Community and Employment Services who served in Albania from 2007 to 2009, focused on organizational development and worked with non-profits. He said that he learned a lot while volunteering.

Jenn Ritchey said that volunteering made her realize that she could make a difference.

"There is a world around us that needs our support," she said. "We can make a difference. ... It's up to us."

For more information, students can visit <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>.

# Highline Ag Summit brings farms to the city

**By Perris Njenga**  
Staff Reporter

You can grow your knowledge of small scale farming at the Urban Agricultural Food Summit this week at Highline.

Bobby Butler, the Urban Agriculture program manager, said that the event is

a i m e d to show people h o w a g r i - culture, sustain- ability, and pol- lution p l a y s h u g e r o l e in the world around us.

T h e e v e n t will in-

clude a Tree Grafting Workshop, Wel- come Breakfast, a Bee Pollinator Work- shop, and much more.

Butler said that the interest in urban agriculture has grown because people are now wanting to know the source of their food.

"They are more interested in the food system and are now demanding to know where their food comes from," Butler said.

While last year a little over 50 people attended the event, Butler said he is hop- ing more people will stop by and attend this year.

Butler said that careers in urban agri- culture are promising and you can cer- tainly make a living off of farming.

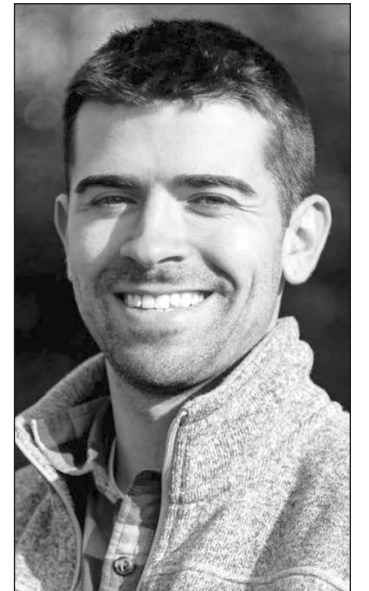
Small urban farmers can even make up to a six-figure salary using a smaller portion of land instead of big commer- cial land, he said.

Small farmers from around the Washington area such as Alvarez Farms, Avenue South Farms, and more will be speaking at the event.

The Urban Agriculture Food Summit will be from Friday March 2 to Saturday March 3. Friday's events will be in Build- ing 2 and there will be a Tree Grafting Workshop at 12-1:50 p.m. and a Career Paths in Urban Agriculture panel dis- cussion and Q and A at 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Saturday's events will be in Building 8 and there will be a Welcome Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

- KCD Soils Workshop, 0-10:30 a.m.
- Mason Bee Pollinator Workshop at 11-11:50 a.m.
- Home Canning Workshop at 12-1:00 p.m.
- Mason Bee Pollinator Workshop part two at 1-1:50 p.m.
- Career Paths in Urban Agriculture Discussion and Q and at 2-3 p.m.
- World Cafe closing Discussion and Reflection at 3:15-3-:45 p.m



Bobby Butler

# New center director says trade can be fun

**By Sam King**  
Staff Reporter

International trade shouldn't be dull, Highline's new center director of Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management said.

He plans to make international trade a fun experience for students entering the field.

Sam Kaplan was recently named the college's new director of the Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management. Kaplan replaces Dr. Meg Ryan, who retired last fall.

He has spent most of his career working on international trade, includ- ing 20 years working for Trade and De- velopment Alliance of Seattle.

During the time he worked at TDA, Kaplan worked on creating an interna- tional competitive strategy for Wash- ington state and connecting Washing- ton state industries with international industries. He then worked for an in- ternational consulting firm providing business development and planning communications consulting.

"I was always in love with what's going on in other countries and how interna- tional trade helps the economy," he said.

Kaplan's No.1 advice for students is to try different things academically.

"Majors are important but you might end up doing something else," he said.

Kaplan said he believes the most im- portant thing is to always be curious and to take the opportunity of different paths.

Global trading students should dig deeper, Kaplan said.

"It's a fast changing field so dig deep- er," he said.

Also, Kaplan advises global trading students always look for different solu- tions.

"Don't just accept the answers.



Sam Kaplan

Things are always much complicat- ed than they appear. Whether you're looking at the supply chain and how to get things from point A to point B or whether you're looking at interna- tional trade, you always need to look at the much-complicated picture," he said.

Kaplan said his professional goal is to continue the great work Highline College Center of Excellence staff have done.

"My goal is to make the Center of Excellence a useful tool for Washington state and Highline College. I want to fulfill the Center of Excellence mission and build new pathways to help stu- dents and guide them to productive and fun carries," he said.

He said his personal goal is to have fun doing it.

"My favorite major is math. I be- lieve math is an underrated major. It's not as hard as people think. Also, I'm an English minor so I like combining the left brain to the right brain," Ka- plan said.

In recent years, it has become more popular to get away from liberal arts majors in favor of other majors such as computer programming he said. How- ever, he said he believes that while it's important to build applications for

computers, we also, need to build appli- cations for the real world and the best way to do that is to understand humans.

"Art and English literature give the brain a foundation to do other things," he said.

"My main mission as the new cen- ter director is to help students finding a productive and fun career in supply chain and global trades and helping them getting into the training pro- gram," Kaplan said.

The Center of Excellence works for the whole state and is designed to help students finding good jobs.

"Companies who have employees will benefit from having such training and helping students find jobs and in- ternships in these fields," Kaplan said.

The Center of Excellence can help to connect students with internships. Kaplan and the Center of Excellence are working on building a job board on its website for global trade and supply chain management.

"We have done a variety of grants. Also, we are trying to help to build companies and train their workers to do trades," he said.

Understanding the language of in- ternational trade or global trade can be very important to your job if you're working in Washington state.

"Forty percent of jobs in Washington state are tied to international trade in a way or another," he said.

And a huge percentage of Washing- ton state companies, sales are coming from international customers.

"Almost every company is connect- ed in international trade in the supply chain," he said.

For more information about the Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management, visit [www.coeglobaltrade.com](http://www.coeglobaltrade.com).



# Highline is doing well

Amidst difficult news and experiences, there is still reason for hope. Highline is definitely still kicking. It has a certain formula that fosters a student’s mind. We just can’t quite identify it. It could be the obvious diversity. No matter where you look you’ll always find a person who has a different perspective, culture, language, life experience, or even physical appearance than you. It’s no secret we have a diverse school here, with us winning the 2016 Pacific Region Equity Award and the 2014 Award of Excellence for Advancing Diversity. Even more so, this campus is constantly improving and adapting to promote the success and comfortability of all people here. We have an increasingly accessible campus, with programs such as Umoja, Puente, Veteran’s Programs, Women’s Programs, AANAPISI, and TRiO, committed to aiding students whose road through college would otherwise be more challenging, and even a handful of gender-neutral restrooms. The secret to why we’re all at this institution could be its affordability. We have free tutoring programs, less expensive tuition and classes, and plenty of student employment options. Coupled with classes that fit almost any schedule, in online and in-class courses, day and night, where you get to look out at the beautiful view of the Puget Sound, it’s impactful to not just your mind, but your wallet. Professors at Highline also want to help. We’ve got professors with doctorates, masters, some with dozens of years of experience, and a couple who are just wetting their feet. All of them seem to have a twinkle in their eye, and a passion for their students. They know this may not be your end school, even though we are now offering bachelor’s programs, and prepare you for any sort of challenge you’ll find at your next school. Students are challenged here, but there are opportunities everywhere to catch you if you start to fall. Look around any bulletin board or the newspaper and you’ll find chances to climb back up to your ideal grade or outcome for the class. The library has the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, Math Resource Center, MESA, and plenty of Wi-Fi and books too. All of them housed in the same place for your convenience, just waiting for students in need, to take ahold of. Maybe it’s after the study session, that we truly find out why we’re here at Highline. The college has a ton of good hands-on opportunities and many clubs. The school has a lot of opportunities to get involved and if you find a lack of desire for any of the cool clubs already being hosted. You could always create new ones. We have nine phenomenal sports teams too, successful ones that put education first. It is a requirement to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average while playing. This apparently hasn’t held back too many students as we have already won three championships this academic year. So, maybe it’s the camaraderie or being able to see the diversity of this school, it could be the resources and clubs, or possibly even just feeling noticed in class. Either way, whatever Highline has in the water, it’s doing all us students justice.

## Disabled people may need extra help

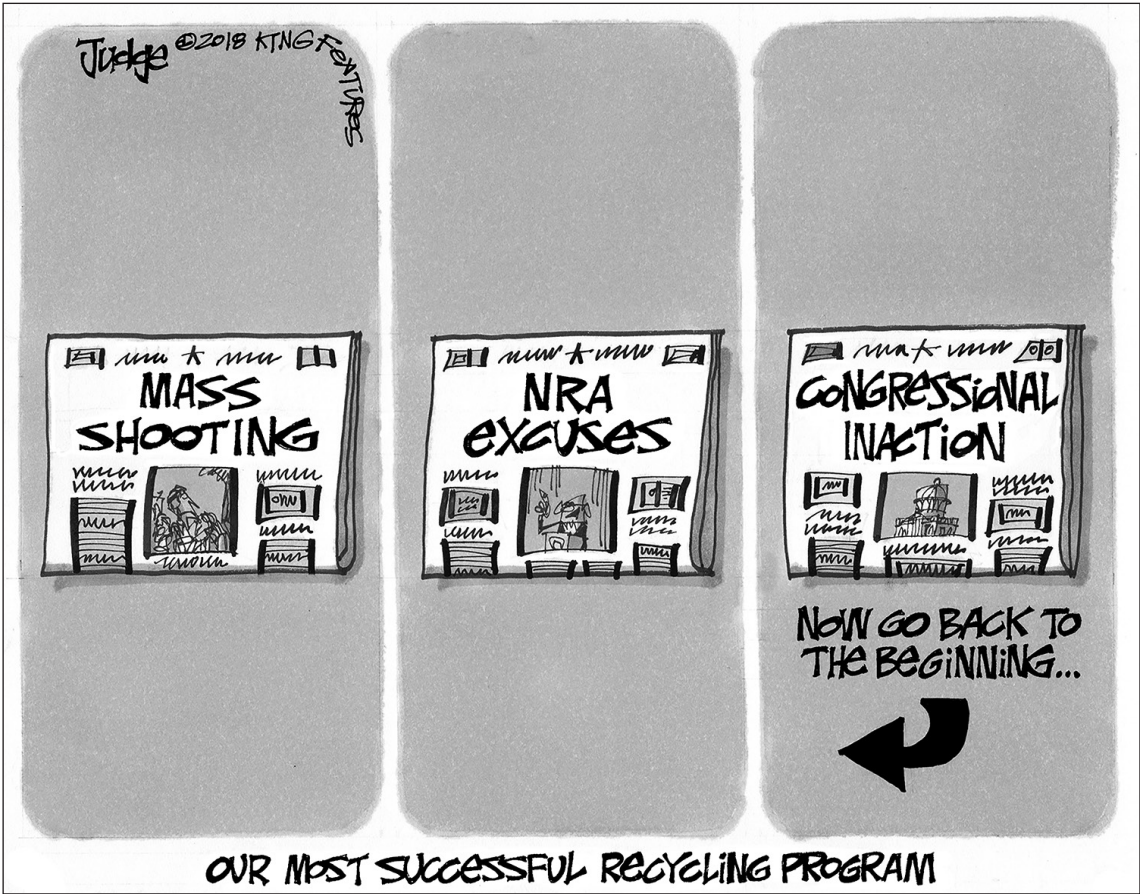
Dear Editor:

Hello people of Thunderword would you please post a reminder in your next issue to help the frightened Achieve students remain calm because I had to hand a student off to the Student Union yesterday since I am in an electric wheel chair it was hard to get around and



calm the student down at the same time. We all know that the Achieve students get ignored a lot, can you help by putting a reminder in the paper please.

— Belinda Springer, Highline student



# Pessimism out and positivity in

I don’t get why but, I am certain there’s been a definite spark of self-deprecating humor and pessimistic outlooks in life. It is killing my vibe.

I want it to stop, it doesn’t help me out, or bring me any enjoyment in my life. It sort of just gets me feeling immensely uncomfortable and shows me why I enjoy the presence of like-minded individuals.

I get the allure though. Sometimes the release of a lot of stress is a good thing.

I’ll give the humor that. It adds levity.

I still don’t like it though, because it’s ingrained itself into every Facebook post, Twitter meme, and Instagram hashtag. I can’t enjoy a nice scroll through Suzanne’s overly politically charged posts on my news feed, without seeing a picture of a trashcan and someone writing “#ME” over the garbage inside, equating their life worth to rubbish.

I think the joke style, has transformed from adding levity to a situation, to “I am bored let me complain.” Boy does Generation Z love to complain.

I must admit, I have had to stop doing this myself. I realized the negative impact when I started hanging out with a snobby friend group.

In the group, a person could’ve had a near-perfect

## The Ethnic of Love



Jo Robinson

score on a test, so well in fact, that the professor smiles at them and says good job, while handing them back their quiz or exam. Yet, you’ll still find them complaining just as much as the students who bombed it.

This type of joking isn’t self-effacing or a way of highlighting your flaws and exposing your insecurities. Actually, you get this weird self-gratifying pleasure, after you exaggerate your issues in life, and come back to reality.

You do feel better on the come down, but it doesn’t help with much if you’re dealing with something real. This sort of humor, in my opinion, really only helps those dealing with trivial problems.

I notice, however, that people try to use self-deprecating

humor with actual issues, and I feel like they’re only making matters worse.

This is not me saying you shouldn’t find it funny to laugh at your own mistakes. In fact, I want to suggest you learn to laugh at your faults or find joy in the process of failing.

Every time I fall out of whack with something, or think life becomes to arduous. I seek the counsel of family or close personal friends who will understand my struggle.

I don’t know if anyone has a bigger sense of humor than those who have endured great struggle and overcome it. So of course, I learn to get a laugh out or two out with them, while we tackle the problems I face.

Or even laugh about the poor ways in which I handled them. After that process I start to feel better about life and gain a positive outlook, that adapts quicker to tough situations.

So, if you are dealing with a stubbed toe or getting a 98 out of 100 on a quiz, I suggest you turn to memes and pessimistic jokes, as those wounds are destined to eventually heal. If you are about to flunk out of your math class for the third time, tuition is due and you have no means to pay it, you might want to find something else to joke about, as you have work to do.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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1. **LITERATURE:** What American poet wrote the line, "My candle burns at both ends; it will not last the night"?
2. **MATH:** The Roman numerals MCDXIV are equal to what Arabic number?
3. **MONEY:** Which U.S. president's image appears on the \$50 bill?
4. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does a "candela" measure?
5. **MOVIES:** What was the original name of Disney's Mickey Mouse?
6. **HISTORY:** What war is the Battle of Leipzig associated with?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the birthstone associated with March?

8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the most populous city in the world?
9. **NOBEL PRIZES:** Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had a yacht titled the Honey Fitz?

1. Edna St. Vincent Millay
2. 1,414
3. Ulisses Grant
4. Luminous intensity
5. Mortimer Mouse
6. The Napoleonic Wars
7. Aquamarine
8. Shanghai
9. Theodore Roosevelt
10. John Kennedy

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# GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

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- 6 "I, Robot" writer
- 12 Catch in a net
- 13 Household
- 14 Treeless Asian plain
- 15 Bach piece
- 16 Corn recipe
- 17 Experts
- 19 Ultramodern
- 20 Reverberate
- 22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
- 24 — Khan
- 27 Get better
- 29 "Two and a Half Men" role
- 32 Arguably, best-known line from Shakespeare

- 35 Still
- 36 Peacenik
- 37 Performance
- 38 Blushing
- 40 Iodine source
- 42 Pitch
- 44 Spud's buds
- 46 Scored 100 on
- 50 Hard to find
- 52 Guarantee
- 54 Yearly
- 55 Tradition, perhaps
- 56 Forward a story

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- 57 Leg parts

## DOWN

- 1 Grooving on
- 2 Portent
- 3 Reservation residence
- 4 Nile slitherer
- 5 One often seen with a crook?
- 6 Bullets etc.
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You could have some problems with doubters who don't share your enthusiasm for that new project you're supporting. But use the facts to win them over to your side.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Someone is impressed by how you managed to get your case to the right people, despite attempts to keep you on the outside looking in. Expect to hear more about this.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Good for you -- your gift for seeing both sides of a dispute helps cool down a potentially explosive workplace situation. Some family-related tensions also begin to ease.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your determination to prove yourself is put to the test by midweek. Counting all the positive factors you have going for you will help you get over your self-doubt. Good luck.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Several co-workers are still determined to resist coming over to your side. But don't let that stop you from presenting



your proposal to the people you count. Stay the course.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might prefer to be taken on faith and not have to prove yourself. But the truth is, you need to offer more facts if you hope to persuade people to accept what you say.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to create doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change of plans

forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An old workplace problem you thought you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

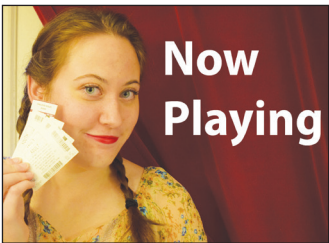
**BORN THIS WEEK:** Everyone appreciates your gift for finding beauty, even where it seems least likely to exist.

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# Enliven your weekend with music and poetry

• Hear powerful words at Highline Listens next Thursday. Two authors will be reading their work on campus in Building 7. Rae Paris is the Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Washington. Paris will read from her work *The Forgetting Tree: A Rememory*.



Winter Dorval

Shon Meckfessel is an English Instructor at Highline. He will read from *Nonviolence Ain't What It Used To Be*.

The event will be from 12:15 to 1:05 p.m. • Pencil the Flavor of New Orleans into your calendar for next month.

The concert will take place at the Federal Way performing Arts and Events Center on March 3 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The Federal Way Symphony Big Band will feature singer Maggie Laird and be directed by Todd Zimberg and Lonnie Mardis.

The Federal Way Symphony Big Band will play with Matt Lemmler in this concert.

The Federal Way Performing Arts Center address is 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S., Federal Way.

Tickets are \$39 to \$50 for adults, \$34 to \$45 for seniors (ages 60 and older), \$18 for students (with ID), and \$10 for Youth (ages 10 and younger).

For tickets and more information visit [federalway-symphony.org/20180303.html](http://federalway-symphony.org/20180303.html).

• Next month experience the Struggle of the Genius with the Auburn Symphony on March 11 at 4 p.m.

This concert will be at Saint Matthew/San Mateo Episcopal Church in Auburn.

The concert will feature Maurice Ravel and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, and \$10 for students.

To purchase tickets call 253-887-7777 or visit [app.artstopeople.com/index.php?ticketing=aso](http://app.artstopeople.com/index.php?ticketing=aso).

For more information visit [auburnsymphony.org/](http://auburnsymphony.org/).

# Mandinka music on campus today

By Winter Dorval  
Staff Reporter

Experience West-African Mandinka music with Trio Abaraka at Highline this afternoon.

The band will play a free concert in Building 7 at 12:15 p.m.

This show is open to Highline students and the community.

Abaraka means “let it be blessed” in Mandinka.

“Originally our band name was the Abaraka Trio, then we decided to get a little fancy with it and switch the words around,” said Chet Corpt, kora player and singer in Trio Abaraka.

The kora is a 21-string lute-bridge harp used commonly in West Africa.

Harpes are not a common instrument to hear, he said.

One of the songs they will perform is more than 700 years old.



Trio Abaraka originated in Seattle.

“The tunes are all oral. When I was in West Africa I never saw anyone write anything down so it’s incredible how old some of them are,” Corpt said.

Along with Corpt, Brady Kish plays the bass, and percussionist Sam Esecson plays the

drums.

One of the founding members, percussionist Thione Diop, will join them for this concert.

“Thione didn’t really feel confident playing by himself, but we added Esecson and then he was much more confident

since he had something to play off of,” Corpt said.

The group plays music based on traditional Mandinka songs, but Corpt has the freedom to arrange them to match his vision.

“When you play this kind of music, you get a few notes for the melody from a teacher and then you improvise as you go,” said Corpt.

One of the difficulties the group has faced is finding venues to play.

However, “the sense that we’re always improving keeps us going,” he said.

Corpt will be singing three or four of the songs the band will perform today.

Trio Abaraka includes a large amount of percussion in their music.

Their first album, *Trio Abaraka*, was released June 7, 2017.

# Hollywood will be in Renton on Saturday

By Winter Dorval  
Staff Reporter

Misfits in Motion bring their pole-dancing pyrotechnics to Hollywood in their new show at the Renton Civic Theatre.

The theme for this show is Hollywood.

“After doing pole for about a year, I got the idea to produce a pole show. I wanted to show the world what a beautiful sport it is,” said Heather Slye, producer of Misfits in Motion.

Misfits in Motion started in 2016.

“Pole dancing is still very much associated with the ‘clubs’. I wanted to show the beauty, the athleticism, and the art of pole,” Slye said.

The shows include dancers that do local pole, Lyra, AcroYoga and other forms of areal art.

“I was listening to Simple Minds ‘Don’t You Forget About Me’. That song always reminds me of ‘The Breakfast Club,’” said Slye.

This inspired her to theme the upcoming show around movie tracks.

“When I realized the show would be the day before The Academy Awards, I thought I had to do it,” she said.

To be included, each song in the show has to have been on a movie soundtrack.

With this show, Misfits in Motion hopes to “showcase amazing local talent in the aerial artist community and give the audience an amazing fun night,” said Slye.

This will be Misfits in Motion’s third performance at the Renton Civic Theatre.

People who attend this performance “will see a large variety

of the Pole and Aerial artists and apparatuses. We will have a variety of levels as well. The audience is encouraged to cheer. It’s fun for everyone,” said Slye.

The upcoming show will be on March 3 at 8 p.m.

The show is for “anyone who is curious about pole, aerial silks, Lyra, pole silks or who just likes

to watch live dance performances,” Slye said.

Some of the content is a little on the adult side, so they let parents decide what age they think is appropriate, she said.

“We are so excited to share this art form with world. We hope people will come check it out and fall in love with it as we

have,” said Slye.

The theme for the next show, on Nov. 11, is still unannounced.

The address for the Renton Civic Theatre is 507 S. Third St., Renton.

Tickets will be \$35.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [rentoncivictheatre.org/](http://rentoncivictheatre.org/).

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T-Birds are 2018 academic champions

By Donnie Moore  
Staff Reporter

The Highline’s men’s wrestling team are the 2018 NJCAA National Academic Champions and now have two All-Americans in Emmanuel Daigbe and Liam Corbett.

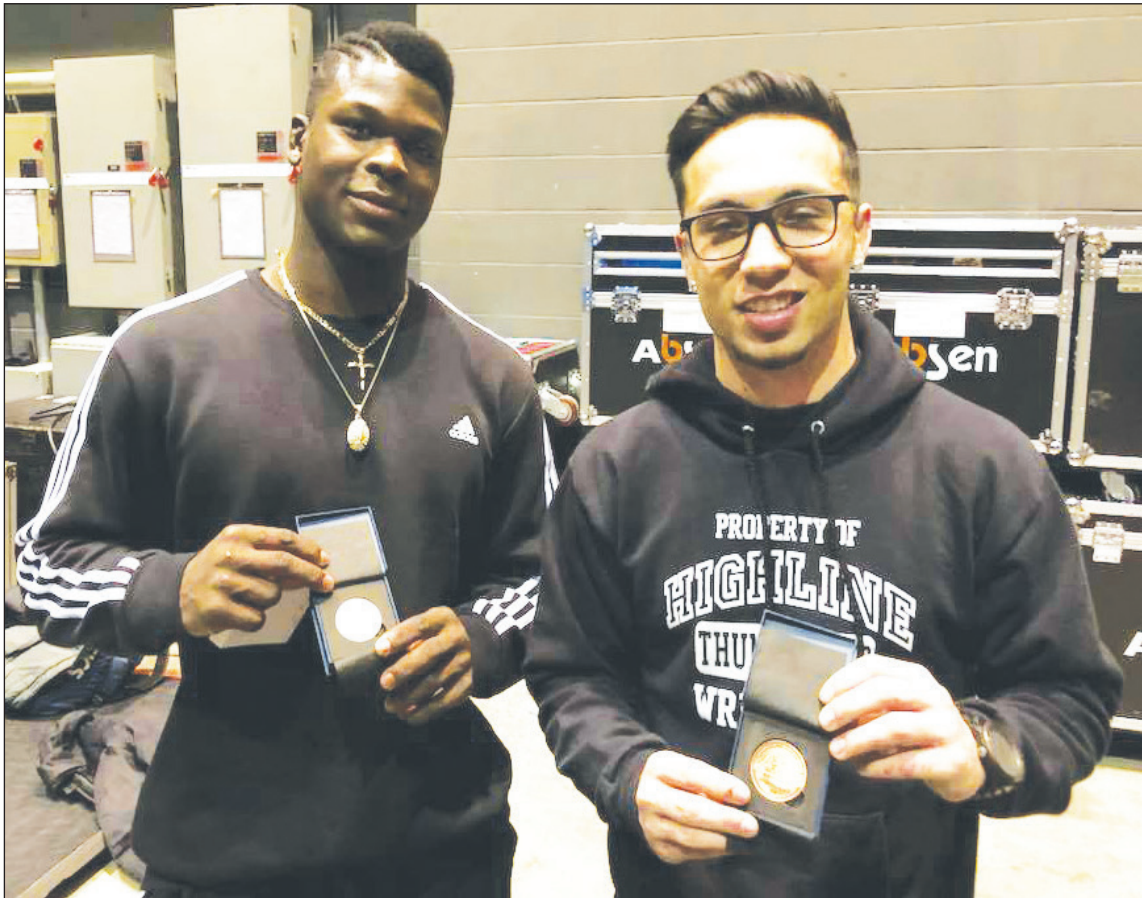
The team, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.34, based on its 10 starters and two extra wrestlers, won the 2018 NJCAA National Academic Championship, the fourth time the program has won this award in nine years.

“I would like to thank the entire faculty for helping assist in this prestigious award without your hard work and caring about all students this would never have been possible,” said Assistant Coach Bradley Luvaas.

Daigbe, 197, had a great start to his tournament, beating his first three opponents, two of whom were ranked four and five in the tournament.

Daigbe’s first loss came from No. 1 Tyree Sutton from Iowa Central in the semi-finals. Sutton was a high school national champ two years ago.

It was a very close loss, with



Highline’s All-Americans Emmanuel Diagbe and Liam Corbett.

Highline Athletics photo

Daigbe falling 8-6. Daigbe came back and finished fourth after falling to Baker Hadwan from Muskegon College.

“To be honest it feels great.

I couldn’t have done it without the great wrestling coaching staff Highline has and my wrestling partner,” said Daigbe. The other All-American, Cor-

bett at 157, had a great tournament as well, finishing in fifth place. Corbett beat his first two opponents but fell to Steven Lawrence from Ellsworth, a re-

turning All-American.

After that loss he beat two more opponents to be put in a match against No. 2 Isaiah Diggs from Clackamas, for a chance at third place. He was beaten in that match, which set him up for the fifth-place match against Thomas Stevenson from North Idaho, where he won.

Another wrestler, Austin Lister had a chance to finish high in the tournament, but could not due to a shoulder injury suffered during a match.

Lister, at 133, had a great start winning against his first competitor, Corey Robinson from Muskegon College. But he injured his shoulder during the match.

Lister’s next match against Munkhbat Bat-Erdene did not go his way and Bat-Erdene moved on to finish in second. Lister went on to wrestle Jordon Carsen from Harper College, where he won and advanced to wrestle Tramon Jenkins from Spartanburg, where he lost.

Jacob Mendoza at 125 did not have a great tournament. Mendoza lost his first match to Nickolas Ornelas from Neosho and went on to fall to his next opponent as well.

Men’s basketball fighting for last playoff spot

By Donnie Williams  
Staff Reporter

The Highline men’s basketball split two games last week, putting the T-Birds in need of a win in order to hold on to playoff spot.

The top four teams in each division advance to the NWAC tournament, which begins March 10.

After knocking Lower Columbia out of first place in the West Division, the T-Birds stumbled against Pierce, leaving Highline just a game up on Pierce and Centralia, both 5-8, in the battle for the fourth and final playoff spot.

Highline needed to beat Centralia last night to remain in fourth place. Results from that game were unavailable at press time.

Against Pierce on Feb. 21, Highline fell behind by 13 at the half and couldn’t catch up.

The Raiders were aggressive on the glass and it gave them the upper hand throughout the game, out-rebounding the Thunderbirds, 51-31, in the end.

The lack of rebounds eliminated a lot of opportunities Highline needed to score.

The Thunderbirds couldn’t get anything going offensively, and too many missed shots, costing them the game. The Thunderbirds shot 26.8 percent from

the field and 17.2 percent from behind the three-point line.

David Harris led the team with 17 points, nine rebounds, three steals, and an assist. Harris was the only player to score more than eight points.

The Thunderbirds came away with a win last Saturday against the previously first-place Lower Columbia College, 82-75, snapping their seven-game win streak in a double overtime victory.

Coach Che Dawson said earlier in season that Lower Columbia College was a good team the Thunderbirds were capable of beating if they played better and made a better effort to get rebounds.

Highline stepped up its game offensively as there were three players with 17 points or more. Harris led in scoring with 24 points and had 12 rebounds.

Coby Rothwell put up 17 points, going 11-11 from the free throw line, grabbing five rebounds, and dishing out five assists.

Robert Hester had a double-double, trailing Harris in scoring with 22 points, as well as leading the team with a season high 20 rebounds.

The Thunderbirds shot 38.2 percent from the field, 34.8 percent from the three-point line, and 66.7 percent from the free-throw line.



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# Highline clings postseason hopes after 1-1 week

By Donnie Moore  
Staff Reporter

A win and loss this past weekend put the Lady T-Birds’ chances at the NWAC playoffs on the line. With one game left, Highline is 6-7 in league play, tied with Tacoma for the final playoff spot in the NWAC West Division. To make the playoffs, Highline must have defeated Centralia (15-11, 8-5) yesterday on the road and Tacoma (7-10, 6-7) must have lost at Lower Columbia (21-8, 11-2).

If Highline and Tacoma have the same divisional record, Tacoma advances to the playoffs, having defeated Highline twice in the regular season.

Highline pulled out a win against Pierce, 60-50. The T-Birds put up a strong defensive front against Pierce, last Wednesday. The T-Birds managed to out-rebound Pierce, 53-51 and have 10 more steals and 5 more blocks than them as well.

Offensively, Highline still struggled, shooting only 21 percent from the three-line against Pierce, but improved to 32 percent from the field.

Kanani Kremers led the team offensively with 18 points and 5 rebounds, while Sharon Ajayi led the team defensively with 13 rebounds and 5 blocks.

Highline later had a demoralizing loss to Lower Columbia,

79-42, heading into their final game of the season. Lower Columbia is currently second in the West NWAC going 11-2, one of those losses being Highline.

Lower Columbia was able to take advantage of Highline by using their height difference and a deeper bench, shooting 52 percent for the game, while holding the T-Birds to 23 percent.

“We didn’t do well against Lower Columbia because we shot at such a low percentage. Hard to win a game if you can’t make shots,” said sophomore guard Aliene Kaye.

Highline may have struggled in their offense but Highline’s Ajayi stayed dominant, scoring 23 points and having 14 rebounds for Highline. Highline was only able to shoot 5 percent from the three.

“I expect that our game against Centralia will go our way if we rebound and hit our threes to open up the floor for our bigs,” said Kaye before the game. Centralia, who has secured the third seed position for the NWAC West division, and is on a four-game winning-streak.

The last time the two teams met, Centralia won 70-46 at Highline. Highline is a team that does not usually do the well on the road, but they are motivated to win.

The results of the Centralia game were unavailable at press time.



Jack Harton photo  
Aileen Kaye fights her way through contact against Lower Columbia.



Jack Harton photo  
Karani Kremers rises up against a Lower Columbia defender.

# Student hopes others learn from her troubles

Harassment is something that can happen to anyone.

Susan, [not her real name] a Highline student, was only 14 when her nightmare began.

She was emotionally and sexually abused and harassed by someone her own age.

Susan’s story started when she was peer pressured into going to a party, by club soccer teammates. Her teammates were several years older than her.

Going to this party led to her getting photographed drinking.

“I wanted to fit in when I was 14,” Susan said. “Someone took a picture of me doing something I wasn’t supposed to, and of course at 14 years old, if my mom found out, I’d be in trouble.”

Somehow, after the party, the photo Susan was spread around and eventually made its way to the hands of a male classmate. This classmate also played for the same soccer club, but for the men’s division.

The classmate then decided

## Super Phan



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to blackmail her into sending photographs and performing sexual favors, telling her that he would show the photographs to her mother if she didn’t comply.

“I thought about it, I was so confused,” Susan said. “Being 14, I thought my life was over. I didn’t feel like there was a way

out.”

The harassment continued for six grueling months.

“Eventually, you just get in a hole and there’s no way out,” she said. “When it was over, I realized I couldn’t believe that there are other girls who go through this.

“Sexual assault is mental. I was made to feel worthless.”

The harasser eventually was caught by his mother with photos of Susan on the phone, and she then told the Susan’s mother. Charges were filed, but Susan said that she didn’t want to do the absolute most they could.

“Even though he practically destroyed six months of my life, I didn’t want to destroy the rest of his,” she said. “I wasn’t expecting it from him, we went to school together, we had two classes. He became someone so much more in this situation.”

She has since made a recovery, and considers herself a better person now. But if she had to relive that nightmare, she’d do

things differently.

“What I went through is probably the most common type of sexual harassment,” Susan said. “But if I could’ve done it all over again, I would’ve bit the bullet and told my mom 100 percent.”

With having gone through what she did, she offered some advice to those going through similar situations.

“You don’t have to impress people, and you can’t trust everybody you know,” she said. “Don’t send pictures, we’re in the digital age. Once you send something, you can’t take it back.”

What we ended the interview on was something that I and Susan hope resonates with others.

“Sexual assault comes in all different degrees, but they’re all the same,” she said. “You’re worth something and people should respect that. You’re not weak if you’ve been through sexual assault. It’s not your fault.”

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Scoreboard

### Women’s Basketball

| WEST             |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Team             | League | Season |
| Grays Harbor     | 12-1   | 24-2   |
| Lower Columbia   | 11-2   | 21-8   |
| Centralia        | 8-5    | 15-11  |
| Tacoma           | 6-7    | 7-10   |
| Highline         | 6-7    | 11-16  |
| S. Puget Sound   | 4-9    | 9-17   |
| Pierce           | 4-9    | 8-18   |
| Green River      | 1-12   | 6-19   |
| EAST             |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Walla Walla      | 15-0   | 27-1   |
| Columbia Basin   | 12-4   | 21-8   |
| North Idaho      | 9-6    | 18-9   |
| Big Bend         | 8-7    | 19-9   |
| Treasure Valley  | 8-7    | 13-13  |
| Wenatchee Valley | 7-8    | 16-12  |
| Yakima Valley    | 5-10   | 15-12  |
| Spokane          | 4-11   | 13-13  |
| Blue Mountain    | 0-15   | 1-25   |
| NORTH            |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Bellevue         | 9-2    | 19-8   |
| Everett          | 9-3    | 20-6   |
| Skagit Valley    | 7-4    | 12-14  |
| Olympic          | 5-6    | 8-14   |
| Peninsula        | 5-6    | 7-16   |
| Whatcom          | 2-9    | 7-17   |
| Edmonds          | 2-9    | 5-21   |
| SOUTH            |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Umpqua           | 14-0   | 27-0   |
| Lane             | 12-2   | 20-6   |
| Clackamas        | 11-3   | 20-6   |
| Mt. Hood         | 9-5    | 12-12  |
| SW Oregon        | 5-9    | 8-17   |
| Chemeketa        | 5-9    | 7-18   |
| Linn-Benton      | 4-11   | 9-18   |
| Portland         | 3-12   | 7-19   |
| Clark            | 1-13   | 1-24   |

### Men’s Basketball

| WEST             |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Team             | League | Season |
| S Puget Sound    | 12-1   | 21-7   |
| Lower Columbia   | 11-2   | 19-8   |
| Tacoma           | 9-4    | 12-12  |
| Highline         | 6-7    | 11-16  |
| Centralia        | 5-8    | 9-19   |
| Pierce           | 5-8    | 7-19   |
| Grays Harbor     | 3-10   | 5-22   |
| Green River      | 1-12   | 4-23   |
| EAST             |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Walla Walla      | 12-3   | 22-6   |
| North Idaho      | 10-5   | 20-8   |
| Spokane          | 10-5   | 20-8   |
| Yakima Valley    | 9-6    | 18-10  |
| Wenatchee Valley | 9-6    | 16-11  |
| Big Bend         | 8-7    | 15-12  |
| Treasure Valley  | 8-7    | 12-14  |
| NORTH            |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Everett          | 12-1   | 24-4   |
| Peninsula        | 8-5    | 18-10  |
| Edmonds          | 7-6    | 19-9   |
| Bellevue         | 6-7    | 17-11  |
| Whatcom          | 6-7    | 13-14  |
| Shoreline        | 5-8    | 9-15   |
| Olympic          | 4-9    | 14-12  |
| SOUTH            |        |        |
| Team             | League | Season |
| Portland         | 12-3   | 23-5   |
| Linn-Benton      | 10-5   | 20-8   |
| Clackamas        | 8-6    | 16-11  |
| Chemeketa        | 7-7    | 16-10  |
| Umpqua           | 7-7    | 16-11  |
| SW Oregon        | 6-8    | 12-14  |



# LANDMARK DECISION

## Local developer has plans to preserve Masonic Home

**By Lezlie Wolff**  
Staff Reporter

Imagine being a free-range child in a castle like the Old Masonic Home on South 240th Street and Marine View Drive.

Patrick Reilly was that child. His father served in the Army with a fellow who became part of the maintenance department at the Masonic Home, Reilly said. His name is Orville Williams and he was in the Army Corp of Engineers. He knew about buildings, engineering, and maintenance.

Reilly's father was life-long friends with Williams family, "So, we'd go visit there."

"I'd get to explore the building and go around with Mr. Williams," Reilly said.

He built some work lofts in the buildings just south of the Rainier Brewery, he said. He partnered with a local group of

investors.

"They repurposed that campus of buildings," right next to the brewery, he said.

His interest in the building is preserving it and the grounds around it, Reilly said.

Some of his ideas for the building are a community garden with a master gardener, a children's theater and community theater, art walks and studio space for artists and musicians.

Speaking about the extensive front lawn area, Reilly said other developers want to add buildings in front of the Landmark Lodge, blocking the view of the Landmark, but it would also, take up that yard that the rest of the community uses up front.

"There are five elements to activate that front yard to the community," he said.

"One is, in the circular drive, there's a nice garden," he said.



Lezlie Wolff/THUNDERWORD

*Landmark on the Sound would become a center for artists' lofts and a community center with varied uses, if Patrick Reilly's plans go through.*

He wants to work with a master gardener program to make that garden a showcase that the community can walk through and admire the different species and the design of the garden," he said.

"And to have that fountain as the centerpiece to that," he said.

He has been to the Equinox studios in Georgetown as well as the Beemis Building art openings.

About art walks, he said, they would choose a reoccurring date when you can walk around and see the art, whether it is inside or out in the garden.

"Hopefully other galleries and other places will join along," he said.

"You start your art walk at the Landmark and then end up at other places in town," he said.

"I think we can grow an arts community," he said. "I've seen it in Georgetown and in Seattle in Pioneer Square where we first started 20 years ago with some art studio space on First Avenue. The 15 artists there just started opening up their studios so others could visit," he said.

He said he's been working with the city manager, Michael Matthias, who is very active in



Patrick Reilly

"With the caveat that you never really know how much it's going to be," he said.

"We really want to do the development that honors the legacy to what the Masons have done," he said.

"That was really a progressive and philanthropic effort for them to have built a retirement home of such quality for folks 100 years ago," he said.

"They built a beautiful, beautiful building that's really the gem of the community," he said.

To honor that and try to activate and formalize the use of those gardens and that tremendous view for everybody," said Reilly.

"Not just to preserve the building – what good is that if you can't invite the community in those gardens and do things that involve the use of that building with the rest of the community?" he said.

"Let me say this, the city of Des Moines has been outstanding to work with," he said.

"They really have the best interest of the community and they're going above and beyond. They are working very hard on behalf of the community," Reilly said.



*The Landmark's substantial auditorium would be preserved for a variety of uses under Reilly's plan.*

## VA Chief Shulkin's excellent, expensive adventure

I really hate when this happens: Someone you trust to do the right things turns out to possibly not be trustworthy after all. This is what has happened with Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin.

The facts look bad.

Shulkin was invited to London for a two-day meeting of officials from various countries to talk about veterans issues. Before going, he asked staff to put together a side trip to Denmark to speak with the Danes about Danish healthcare.

Shulkin's wife traveled with him. Approval for paying her way was declined when it was determined that it wasn't in the



by Freddy Groves

government's best interest. Up stepped his chief of staff, who, after altering emails, claimed that Shulkin was to receive an award at the ambassador's place in Copenhagen.

Therefore, by the rules, the wife's travel would be paid. Except there was no award.

A VA employee, working with the wife on her wish list of things to see and do, played travel agent, on VA time.

While in London, Shulkin and his wife attended Wimbledon using tickets given to them by an alleged friend of his wife. During the subsequent investigation interview, that "friend" could not remember Shulkin's wife's name.

During the nine days they were away, only three-and-a-half days were spent in official meetings. Among a long list of unofficial activities, they visited palaces, took tours, zipped over to Sweden for dinner, went to Buckingham Palace, took a Thames River cruise and much more, apparently dragging security staff along the whole way.

Changes in travel plans added \$15,699 to airfare costs, but

there was insufficient documentation to verify all of the other expenses, which totaled \$122,000.

Color me disappointed to

have to suspect that Shulkin is no different from the rest of them.

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# GMO offers some benefits, prof says

**By Perris Njenga**  
Staff Reporter

The waitlist for organs may be lessened due to the help of farm animals.

Highline Biology Professor Dr. Lydia Garas demystified genetically modified organisms and genetically engineered animals during last week's Science Seminar.

Garas said that those with negative views on GMOs should realize that they aren't as bad as some make them to be.

She explained xenotransplantation, which is the transplantation of living cells, tissues or organs from one species to another.

Growing human organs in host animals, like pigs, for example, will be extremely beneficial to those who are on a waitlist for a particular organ.

She then asked the audience if the option was given to them, would they rather take an organ made by scientists and grown from a host animal, or be on a waitlist for an organ that you may never get in time to save your life.

Garas then explained the benefits of genetically modified organisms by

explaining that genetically engineered fruits are made to be bigger and have less seeds rather than organic fruits and vegetables.

Garas also said that your own pet companion is a genetically modified organism.

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Highline professor**

neered animals can be used to feed the hungry and those who are less fortunate.

"The reason that society should strive to make these genetic edits is to increase growth, improve animal welfare, and decrease environmental impact," Garas said.

An example Garas gave was AquAdvantage salmon, which is a genetically modified Atlantic salmon. The gene editing in the salmon takes a growth hormone-regulating gene from a Pacific Chinook salmon, with a promoter from an ocean pout (a type of fish), and adds those to the Atlantic salmon's 40,000 genes.

This is extremely important because fish are a cheap but a fast protein to grow, only taking one kilogram of food to grow compared to land animals, Garas said.

This makes fish a cheaper source of protein for those who are less fortunate, especially in other countries that are in need of food.

She said that many don't have the option to buy organic or free range foods, so those against GMOs should consider the lives of others before assuming they are bad.

"These positions are due to a lot of privilege. We can choose to buy organic non-GMO foods but not everyone has the same privileges we do," Garas said.

This week's Science Seminar will be on Friday, March 2, in Building 3, room 102. Kip Wanzer and Kurt Giessel will be talking about the Pacific Rim Cyber Defense Competition.



# Astronomers glimpse dawn of cosmos

**By Seth Borenstein**  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON – For the first time, astronomers have glimpsed the dawn of the universe 13.6 billion years ago when the earliest stars were just beginning to glow, they may have detected mysterious dark matter at work, too.

The glimpse of a faint radio signal from deep space, picked up by an antenna that is slightly bigger than a refrigerator and costs less than \$5 million but can go back much farther in time and distance than the Hubble Space Telescope.

Judd Bowman of Arizona State University, lead author of a study in Wednesday's journal Nature, said the signal came from the very first objects in the universe as it was emerging 180 million years after the Big Bang.

Seeing the universe just lighting up is even more important than the Big Bang because "we are made of star stuff and so we are glimpsing at our origin," said astronomer Richard Ellis, who was not involved in the project.

The signal showed unexpectedly cold temperatures and an unusually pronounced wave. When astronomers tried to figure out why, the best explanation was that elusive dark matter may have been at work.

If verified, that would be the first confirmation of its kind of dark matter, which is a substantial part of the universe that scientists have been searching for over decades.

Bowman agreed independent tests are needed even though his team spent two years double- and triple-checking their work.

"It's a time of the universe we really don't know anything about," Bowman said. He said the discovery is "like the first sentence" in an early chapter of the history of the cosmos.

This is nothing that astronomers could actually see. In fact, it's all indirect, based on changes in the wavelengths produced by radio signals.

The early universe was black and cold, filled with just hydrogen and helium. Once stars formed, they emitted ultraviolet light into the dark areas between them. That ultraviolet light changes the energy signature of hydrogen atoms, Bowman said.

Astronomers looked at a specific wavelength. If there were stars and ultraviolet light, they would see one signature. If there were no stars, they would see another. They saw a clear but faint signal showing there were stars, probably many of them, Bowman said.

Finding that trace signal wasn't easy because the Milky Way galaxy alone booms with radio wave noise 10,000 times louder, said Peter Kurczynski, advanced program technology director for the National Science Foundation, which helped fund the research.

# Knowing odds can help you get even

**By Perris Njenga**  
Staff Reporter

If you hate math, it might be a good idea to stay away from the poker table, a Highline chemistry professor told last week's Science Seminar. Poker is a study in the mathematics of probability and a little math can help you decide when it's



Aaron Moehlig

best to hold 'em or to fold 'em.

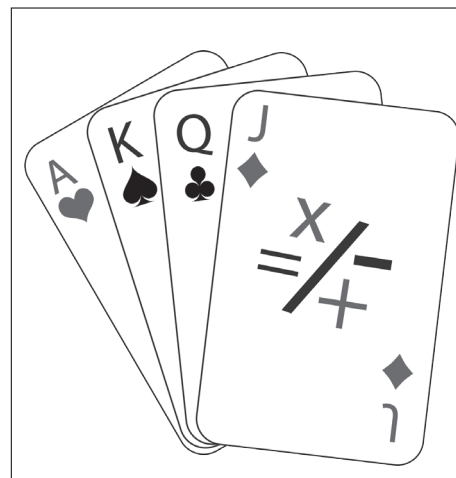
"It's not about the outcome, it's about did he fold when you wanted him to fold?" Aaron Moehlig said.

Speaking on "The Mathematics of Poker," Moehlig told his audience that casinos take a percentage of your money, but to have a higher chance of winning, you must calculate the probability of getting certain cards that will better your hand.

Moehlig also said there are advantages of using a poker formula table. It gives the player a visual of every possible hand and the strength of it.

Using the table, which is available online, you can calculate the probability of your opponent winning. But Moehlig warned that using the table is never absolutely certain, though you'll have a better chance.

Moehlig also said most of the time the odds are not in your favor so this is where bluffing comes in.



Alyson Freeman/Thunderword

Players should bluff to trick their opponent into thinking you have the better hand, even if you might not, Moehlig said. While some fall victim to this strategy and fold, those who are good at bluffing have a better chance of winning in most situations.



# Legislature coming up short on money for FW campus

By Tamara Young  
Staff Reporter

Money currently in the state supplemental budget wouldn't be enough to start a new college campus in Federal Way.

The state House of Representatives currently has \$500,000 in the supplemental budget for the Federal Way campus, which would include classes from both Highline and the University of Washington-Tacoma.

Federal Way city officials had asked for \$800,000 for the project.

Both Highline and UW-Tacoma are working together with the City of Federal Way and the Federal Way Public school district to make the campus, a longtime dream of city leaders, into a reality.

Federal Way officials say they are continuing to ask for the full amount, said Yarden



Weidenfeld, senior policy adviser for the City of Federal Way mayor's office.

"I have passed on to our contract lobbyist Ehren Flygare, as well as Senator [Mark] Miloscia and Reps. [Mike] Pellocciotti and [Kristine] Reeves that analysis by the University of Washington-Tacoma has determined that the initiative is not feasible below \$600,000," Weidenfeld said.

Highline officials concur. "We agree with our University of Washington-Tacoma colleagues that \$600,000 is about the lowest figure we need to create the program model we've been discussing with the community," said Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, Highline's interim president.

"The most costly elements are the computer infrastructure for the information technology courses and the teleconferencing equipment for UW-Tacoma's distance-learning capability," Dr. Wagnitz said.

"There is a possibility that the campus could open without this component," Dr. Wagnitz said. "But, if we lose those pieces, it would leave a big gap in the available programming, specifically in the most high-demand offerings."

Officials at the University of Washington-Tacoma were unavailable for comment.

# New bill allows faculty salary negotiations

By Chloe Wilhelm  
Staff Reporter

Faculty members at community and technical colleges will now be able to negotiate for higher pay, according to a bill recently passed in the Legislature.

House Bill 1237, which was passed by the Senate on Wednesday, is currently awaiting the governor's signature to become law.

According to the Bill Digest, it will allow "a board of trustees to provide additional compensation to academic employees... that exceeds that provided by the legislature."

During last year's legislative session, legislators testified in support of the bill during public hearings and argued that the current faculty salaries makes it difficult for colleges to retain good faculty members.

They said that allowing faculty members to negotiate their salaries will improve transparency and will im-

prove collaboration between administration and faculty members.

Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, interim president at Highline, said that the bill will impact Highline in a positive way.

"Historically, faculty have been able to bargain only the distribution of any salary-increase allocation specifically approved for that purpose by the legislature," Dr. Wagnitz said.

He explained that if the Legislature were to give a 2-percent increase, faculty members could not negotiate for anything above 2 percent.

"With HB 1237, other allocations can be tapped," Dr. Wagnitz said. "If, for example, the college were to receive new enrollment dollars [or] program-enhancement funds... a portion of those monies could be bargained to help boost faculty salaries."

"My hope is that this new flexibility will help faculty pay rates to better keep pace with the rising costs of living in King County," he said.

# College protection bill faces deadline

By Chloe Wilhelm  
Staff Reporter

Legislators have until Friday to pass a bill that would protect students from unfair business practices by for-profit colleges.

The bill passed the House earlier this month and is currently being debated in the Ways and Means Committee in the Senate, which considers the budget and how much the bill will cost.

To become law, the bill must be passed by March 2, the deadline for non-budget bills.

If passed, House Bill 1439 would put more regulation on for-profit institutions by prohibiting them from certain advertising meant to misinform students, as well as prohibiting certain schools from selling their own student loan products.

According to the Senate Bill Report, the bill would also create a single portal for student complaints regarding for-profits and would establish a tuition recovery trust fund for students of for-profit institutions.

State Rep. Gerry Pollet, D-Seattle, testified in support of the bill at a public hearing last week as the prime sponsor, and said that the bill would protect students from harmful business practices of for-profit colleges.

He explained that there have been many cases where for-profit schools falsely advertise to their students, with some using statistics that are not verified by the state.

"When a school advertises, [they] shouldn't say that [their] job placement rate is 98 percent,



when what they are reporting to the state on our dashboard are statistics that might be 75 percent," Rep. Pollet said.

He said that the bill will require for-profit institutions to use the same statistics in advertising materials that are being verified by Washington state and the U.S. Department of Education.

Rep. Pollet said that some for-profit institutions have also convinced students to take out their own student loan products with a 15 percent interest rate.

He explained that if a student had been aware of other options and went to a local community college instead, the loan would be much cheaper with a lower interest rate.

"[This] has been a pattern for a handful of high-profile for-profits, not only in Washington state but across the country," Rep. Pollet said.

Amy Brakenbury, who attended the public hearing on behalf of the Northwest Career Colleges Federation, said that the bill will provide an opportunity to improve regulation of for-profit colleges.

"This is a really great opportunity to identify gaps and overlaps in regulation, and to try to come together with recommendations to help improve the oversight of our sector so we can address some of [these] issues," she said.

Nova Gatman, legislative director at the State Workforce Board, said that she is also in favor of the bill.

"We are in support of this bill," she said. "We appreciate Rep. Pollet's efforts to ensure students have strong consumer protection and the information needed to make sound educational choices."

# Student loan bill hung up in Senate

By Chloe Wilhelm  
Staff Reporter

A bill that would assist students with educational loan debt must be passed by legislators by Friday to become law.

The bill was passed by the House at the end of January and is currently in the Senate in the Rules Committee, which determines whether a bill will be moved to the full Senate for final passage.

If passed, House Bill 1169 would create the Student Opportunity, Assistance, and Relief Act, also known as SOAR.

This would address student loan debt and prohibit the suspension of professional licenses due to student loan default.

State Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, spoke in support of the bill as the prime sponsor at a public hearing earlier this month.

She said that the bill would give individuals the support they need to pay off their stu-

dent loans, particularly women and people with families.

"Washington has over \$24 billion of student debt. ... Sixty-three percent of the debt is held by women," she said.

Rep. Orwall said that single mothers are more likely to default on student loans, and explained that this bill would help support women and their families.

"The bill [is about] giving individuals the tools and the support so they can pay off their student loans, but still stay in the community and support their families," she said.

Matthew Morrow, speaking on behalf of the students of Washington State University, said that the bill would be very beneficial for students who have professional licenses.

Current law allows the suspension of an individual's professional license if they default on their student loans. Morrow said the suspensions do more harm than good.

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## Candidates

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of Trustees member Bob Roegner.

After the application deadline has passed, the next step will be trimming down to the top candidates.

“What you find in your finalist typically... is that usually one [will] be the best fit for a particular position at a particular time,” said Roegner. “We have a good group of finalists to choose from, which one is the outstanding one?... That’s what we’ll have [to find out].”

When it comes to the official presidential candidate job announcement, “What we did was try to capture everyone’s interest in that document,” said Roegner.

Once the list of candidates has been whittled down to anywhere from three to five, these applicants will spend time at Highline answering questions at forums, meeting with students, faculty and staff, and experiencing the campus firsthand, said Executive Director of Human Resources Sue Williamson.

These events will occur over the course of a day and a half for each candidate.

“There is an opportunity when [the candidates] are here, for students to share their opinions and voice any concerns they might have [at forums],” said Roegner.

Aside from the candidates coming on campus, the Board would also like to get a feel of the candidates’ own environments too.

“Another component of the process would be a visit to the college where the [candidate] comes from by folks representing this search team,” said Board of Trustees member Sili Savusa.

“To get a feel for their work ethic, and [to look for] all these things you’d want in a potential president,” she said.

“I’m really excited about this. Highline’s a great place, the students prove it everyday to all of us,” said Savusa. “So we take our leadership here very seriously, because we want to maintain the awesomeness of our work that we do here.”



Sili Savusa

## Forum

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the police did not search every building.

“You did not know my building was safe, and I am not OK with it,” said O’Brien. “How could you know I was not being held hostage?”

She also said that by releasing people before searching all buildings, “you put people at risk.”

Chief Delgado said that after searching Building 99 they determined that there was no risk, but he understood the concern.

“I totally respect your frustration and anger,” Delgado said. “I will not forget your comment.”

Among these concerns was the fact that international students and deaf students did not know what was going on.

Director of Public Safety & Emergency Management David Menke said that Highline is looking into different ways to get the information to them and to people who are outside and may not know.

Ideas include lights or speakers outside.

“We’re looking at pictograms,” said Menke.

Erica Juarez-Ramos voiced concerns that anyone can be on campus, and that some of the locks do not work properly.

Menke said that they are working on the lock situation.

Claudia Bonilla of the FBI said that people need to keep their eyes open, and to report “anything that seems odd to you.”

Bonilla also referenced the grandmother who turned in her grandson, who was planning a school shooting in Everett, to police.

While saying Highline is an open campus and saying anyone can be on it if they are not breaking the law, Chief Delgado said people need to be vigilant.

“We need that help,” he said.

That was the common theme of the forum, with speakers saying that Highline needed to learn something from this and to report anything that is suspicious.

“If we didn’t learn from Friday [Feb. 16], it was for nothing,” said Menke.

Chief Delgado was also open about wanting people to be more prepared in situations like this.

“One of the things we want as an outcome is to change the culture,” Delgado said. “That’s something everyone can do.”

## Puente

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cessful programs at Highline that also offer services to aid diverse groups of students.

“We’ve tailored Puente to our academic year, resources and faculty,” Magallanes said.

Students also have access to speaker seminars and college and career planning.

“I think a major part of Puente is the setting,” Magallanes said. “We’re being more rele-

vant to the students when they have staff and instructors like themselves [LatinX identity].”

Though only in its second quarter, Magallanes sees Puente benefiting Highline students.

“We’re seeing amazing participation from our enrolled students and they’re coming back, which is a good sign,” he said.

For many new students, Puente can be a step to a good college experience, he said.

“Having a group of students that you bond with throughout the year and faculty to guide

you can be a great push to get active,” said Magallanes. “Your confidence can be boosted and it isn’t so intimidating when you have this team with you.”

The current Puente team is nine students, but Magallanes foresees that number growing.

“We’ve set a cap at 25 students. We’re not there yet, but we’re also just starting out,” he said.

Students can apply to Puente in the Fall of next year. Puente runs on a yearly basis and is in the process of extending to two years.

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