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Polluters may pay the price



TransAlta Photo

Coal plants such as the Centralia plant will be impacted by the carbon tax of Initiative 732.

Initiative calls for carbon tax

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Supporters of the Carbon Tax Initiative 732 say this is the most progressive option when it comes to reducing pollution and slowing climate change.

Opponents say they do not support the initiative because it fails to be the most equitable or effective option, but they are not opposed to the idea of a pol-

lution restriction.

Initiative 732 is on the November ballot and proposes to implement a carbon emissions tax on those businesses and companies that use or sell certain fossil fuels and fossil-fuel-generated electricity. The initiative also will reduce the sales tax by one percentage point, increase a low-income exemption, and reduce certain manufacturing taxes.

If passed, Washington would be the first state in the nation to have a carbon tax.

I-732 would charge a tax of \$15 per metric ton of carbon emissions, which would steadily increase over the years.

By increasing the tax over

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Obstacle course

Veterans face challenges adapting to civilian life

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

Even though he was ready for a change, Highline's Issac Gutierrez says there's much he misses about the Marine Corps.

He said he misses the amplified sense of personal and companywide organization.

Small habits, such as walking with his hands in his pockets, eating outside of a cafeteria, and wearing hats indoors, are hard for him to pick back up, he said.

In the Marines, he would address others as "sir" and said he feels offended when the same display of respect isn't reciprocated in civilian life.

"I've just been out for a year, but I feel like I'm always walking on eggshells," Gutierrez said.

Moreover, he misses the strong sense of camaraderie, which can be hard to find in the civilian world, he said.

Gutierrez, 25, was a corporal and a jet engine mechanic



working to get aircraft ready for flight.

He said he was usually on call 24 hours for every day of the week. He often worked 12-hour days.

After five years, he said he wanted to see what else he could do with his life, so he left the military.

Now he's taking courses to transfer to the University of Washington, where he said he may study psychology.

"It's hard to wrap my head around how some people's brains work," Gutierrez said.

Currently, he is a representative in Veterans Services, where students who served in

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Highline wins national diversity award

By Olivia Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Highline has won the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award for the fourth year in a row.

Highline is one of the nine community colleges nationwide to receive the award, among 83 total higher education recipients. Besides Highline, Whitworth University is the only

other Washington state institution to win.

"Diversity has remained a core theme and value of the College for many years," said Dr. Jack Bermingham, the Highline president. "As examples, we continue our progress to improve student success, strengthen equity in community engagement, and increase the numbers of faculty and staff of color."

The HEED award was given by Insight Into Diversity magazine, a diversity publication for higher education.

"This award highlights the importance we place on the student experience," said Kari Cantey, the associate director for communications at Highline. "Diversity is so central to

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25% White/Caucasian



20% Asian



17% Hispanic/Latino



17% African American



13% Multiracial



7% Other



1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander



<1% Native American or Alaska Native



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Crime & Punishment

By Kori Spencer
Staff Reporter

Car break-ins warrant caution

Multiple vehicle thefts have been prompted.

Highline to issue notice of a possible threat to the campus and surrounding community.

There have been attempted thefts from vehicle in the schools East and South lots.

Within the past four days there have been broken windows on three vehicles from an individual attempting to steal personal items.

The latest break in occurred in the lower South lot on Oct. 31.

A student reported that he found his rear window smashed.

He had parked his 1994 Toyota rav4 at 8:15 a.m. and had returned to his vehicle at 5:40 p.m. to find the damage.

The students had noticed two jackets were stolen out of his vehicle.

Domestic dispute on campus grounds

A verbal domestic disturbance occurred on Oct. 27 between a woman and her boyfriend.

Public Safety and Des Moines Police responded to the situation and spoke to both individuals.

The male was advised to leave the college reportedly was cooperative.

Public Safety took the woman to Women's Programs here on campus for further assistance.

Menaces scare Highline students

Public Safety responded to a situation that involved two individuals who were wearing

costumes and scaring students.

One student was dressed as a pirate and the other was dressed as the reaper from the film, Scream.

The two individuals were running around with a fake machete and told officers that they were doing this for their own amusement.

The individuals told officers that they had a change of clothes that they could change into and would return their fake machete to their vehicle.

Public safety helps a student

When he couldn't convince local police to investigate further, a student turned to public safety and got a little help again.

The student reported off-campus harassment in his neighborhood involving a male in his 50s-60s who drives a small green car.

The student said he contacted Des Moines Police department earlier on Oct. 28 but said he felt as if the situation was brushed off.

Public Safety contacted 911 at the student's request.

But the 911 dispatcher explained that without good description of the individual, and the lack of a license plate number, Des Moines Police has done all they can do to assist.

The student was advised by officers that 911 should be contacted if the situation continues.

Two first aid manikins taken

Two first aid and CPR manikins have been reported missing from Building 22, room 205.

If anyone knows their whereabouts contact Darin Smith at dsmith@highline.edu

He would like the manikins returned to Building 22, room 205 as soon as possible because they are essential for students' skill tests and they are expensive.



Cinthia Velez-Regalado/THUNDERWORD

Latinx Student Association decorates a Dia de los Muertos altar on Nov. 1 to observe the latin holiday.

News Briefs

Giving tree helps families in need

Women's Programs is hosting their annual Giving Tree event. Students, faculty and staff can sponsor a needy family's Christmas wishes.

For more information on how to give contact Women's Programs or email Maria Toloza-Meza at mtolozameza@highline.edu.

The deadline to turn in gifts is Dec. 16. But Women's

programs would like to match donations with families much sooner than that.

Redondo beach board walk opens

The Redondo Beach boardwalk official ribbon cutting and dedication will be Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. The location is along Redondo Beach Drive, near the boat landing.

This event is free and open to the public.

Associates of arts degree workshop

JeaNette Wieser will be presenting an associate of arts de-

gree workshop, today, Nov. 3, in Building 6, room 164, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

She will talk about how to complete your AA degree and the benefits of transferring with an AA.

Free leadership workshop

First Fridays Leadership Institute is hosting a free leadership workshop on Friday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 8, in the Mt. Constance room.

Erica Yamamura will talk about exploring your community and cultural wealth. She will examine values, skills and assets often overlooked in higher education and society.

HELP WANTED



- The Thunderword has an immediate opening for a business manager.

- This position takes care of advertising requests, coordinates billing and payments, and assists in the general production of the newspaper. Work Study eligible!

- Time : 10 hours per week.

- Requirement : You must be taking at least six credits to qualify for this job. Afternoon hours. Business-area majors preferred.

Send resume and cover letter to Dr. T.M. Sell at tsell@highline.edu

COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR

START YOUR TRANSFER PLANNING TODAY !

-The Transfer Fair is YOUR opportunity to meet with admissions representatives from over 20 four-year and Universities.

-Meet with Admissions reps, pick up transfer materials & have your questions answered! This is a GREAT place to explore your transfer college options !

-For a list of schools in attendance go to :

[Http://transfercenter.highline.edu/transferfaircalendar.php](http://transfercenter.highline.edu/transferfaircalendar.php)

FREE

Wednesday, November 16th
10:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M.

Highline Student Union, Building 8, first floor

Woman finds courage to walk away

By **Jacqueline Robinson**
Staff Reporter

Lauren Myers knew she had to do something.

“Leave. Leave. Leave. Just leave. That’s what I screamed to myself every night secretly in my head. But I was trapped,” the Highline student said.

Myers (not her real name) endured a seven-year-long domestic abuse relationship. Nearly 20 years ago her husband’s emotional and physical abuse trapped her and her children.

“I met my husband, Mike (not his real name), when I was 20,” she said. “I was at a bonfire at a friend’s house. Mike walked in with some guys I didn’t know and we just connected.”

Myers said she exchanged numbers with Mike that night and they were constantly texting and talking on the phone. The relationship grew quickly.

“We went on a date I think the very next week,” said Myers. “It all happened so fast.”

Mike, who was 24 at the time, was just starting his career in the Army, she said.

“He wanted a wife. He wanted to create a family to go along with his new career. He made that very clear,” Myers said.

Myers married Mike eight months after they met, even though Mike showed signs of a dark personality, she said.

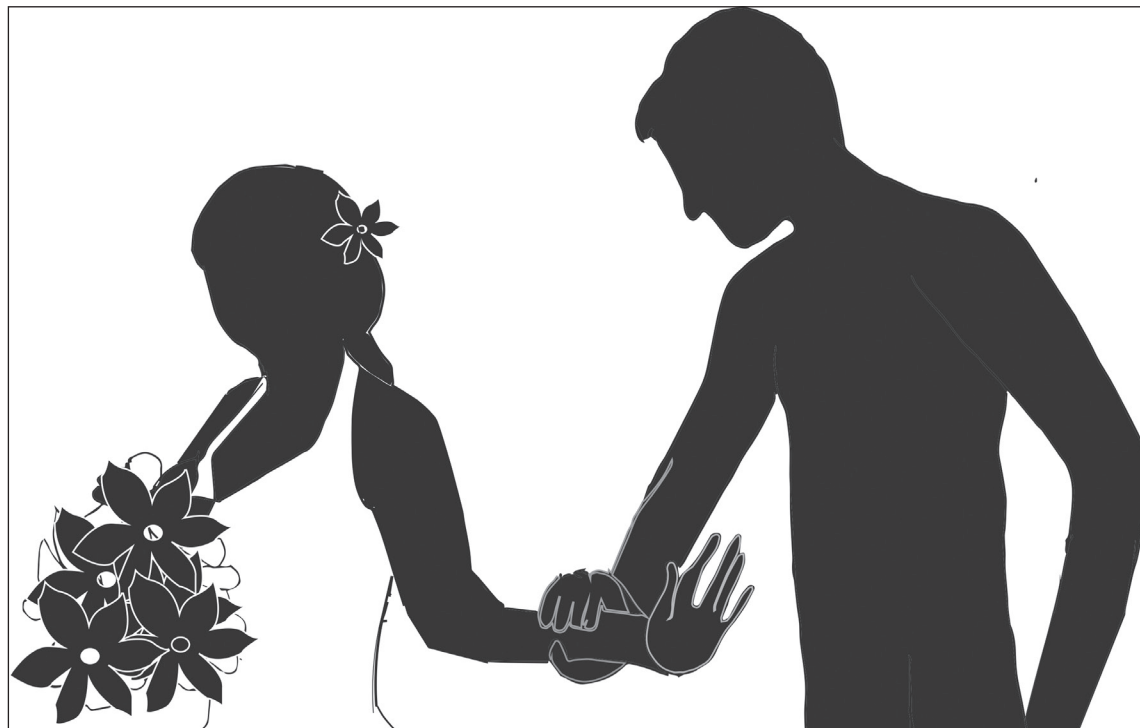
“I was swept up in his charm. He was a nice and loving person most of the time. Looking back, there were some signs,” she said.

While dating, Myers said that Mike randomly went into jealous rages.

“We argued over my phone, like if someone called me he assumed I was cheating on him. I gave him my lock code,” she said. “One time one of my girlfriends e-mailed me and he accused me of saving a guy’s name under her name.”

After an argument Mike would apologize and act like nothing happened. This was the start of a dangerous cycle, she said.

“After we got married things



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were great for a few months. But we started having the same old argument about me [allegedly] cheating,” Myers said.

“He didn’t want me to go out with friends. He had to know where I was at every moment,” she said.

Myers said she grew tired of his accusations.

“I was tired of arguing over pointless things so I started to give in. I stopped going out, I stopped seeing my friends, I changed my number to prove I wasn’t cheating,” said Myers.

After a year and a half of marriage, Myers said she was virtually cut off from the outside world.

“Even me being isolated from everyone was not enough for Mike. He found new things to get angry about,” she said. “The house being clean, dinner being made, and the biggest issue was having children.”

Myers said Mike wanted

to start having children right when they got married, but she wanted to wait a while.

“He made me feel selfish for wanting to wait. I eventually gave in,” Myers said.

Within three years of marriage, Myers had given birth to a son and a daughter.

“I thought kids would make him happy, I thought they would fix all the problems we had, but they didn’t,” she said.

Mike’s military career moved Myers across the country, making her feel even more isolated.

“Even though I had already stopped talking to most family and friends, the distance made things even worse,” said Myers.

Mike refused to let Myers work or go back to school.

“I already had some college credits. I really wanted to go back to school for nursing,” Myers said. “Any time I mentioned me going to school or work it was a huge argument. Mike

made me feel like I was neglecting the kids if I stepped one foot out of the house.

“I was stuck. I had no education, no job, no family, no friends and nobody to talk to.”

Myers said she fell in a deep depression.

“I began to feel helpless and depressed. I felt myself fading away — it was the scariest thing I have ever felt. It was like the real me was dying,” she said.

People were concerned.

“My daughter’s kindergarten teacher called me twice to check on me. My daughter had told her some of the things that were going on in the house. A neighboring Army wife came over to check on me after a bad argument,” Myers said.

“I was really good at downplaying things and making things seem better than they were,” she said.

Mike started using aggression toward the kids, she said.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



NOT SAFE AT HOME

“It was usually emotional abuse, but a few occasions he pushed me and hit me. He started drinking about five years after we were married and that’s when things got slightly more physical,” she said. “But one night he hit my son hard.”

She decided that for her children’s sake they had to leave. She said the next day while Mike was at work she packed some things and picked the kids up early from school.

“Though I was isolated, I still knew a few Army wives. I went to their house and they let me stay with them until I figured everything out,” Myers said.

She got connected with Army resources that help with domestic violence situations. She got legal aid and counseling that helped her make a plan.

“I moved back to my home city, got a job and got back on my feet,” Myers said.

Myers thought her family and friends would be angry with her, but she said that was not the case.

“I was greeted mostly with love and with open arms,” she said.

Now at the age of 38, Myers is back in school, pursuing an Associates of Arts in business.

Myers’ advice to everyone is to listen to their inner voice.

“When you are in a relationship with someone, there is a little voice in your head that is screaming at you when something is wrong,” Myers said. “My voice was telling me to leave for years. I encourage everyone to listen to that voice.”



Bao Tran/THUNDERWORD

Shirts hang in Building 6 that students painted on Oct. 12-13 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Award

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our community; it is our community.”

The award acknowledges institutions that show an ongoing dedication to diversity and inclusion, according to the news release sent out on Tuesday.

Of the 16,898 students, Highline’s student body is 75 percent non-white. The population is 59 percent female students and 41 percent male students.

“We continually try to improve our practices inside and

outside the classroom, to make sure we are serving our students and giving them the type of experience that is meaningful and that will help them be a success in their communities and in their lives,” Cantey said.

Highline is home to a multitude of programs and clubs that focus on students’ cultures, identities, and backgrounds to honor their lifestyles and experiences.

These programs include TRiO and AANAPISI. TRiO is a program to help students, who are in the first in their family to receive a degree, succeed in higher education. Highline is considered an Asian American

and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution, and offers academic support services for this often underrepresented group.

Some of the clubs offered at Highline are Black Student Union, Non-traditional Students Club, and First Nations/Indigenous Club.

“Programs like ACHIEVE and Umoja have demonstrated significant impact on student learning. Outreach efforts like Uprise, Unite, YELL, and Black and Brown Male Summit are inspiring examples of the commitment, leadership, and talent at the College as we serve local communities and connect

youth to higher education opportunities,” Dr. Bermingham said.

Uprise is an education and leadership summit held at Highline for Pacific Islander students. YELL (Young Educated Ladies Leading) is a summit held for women of color to promote personal and academic excellence.

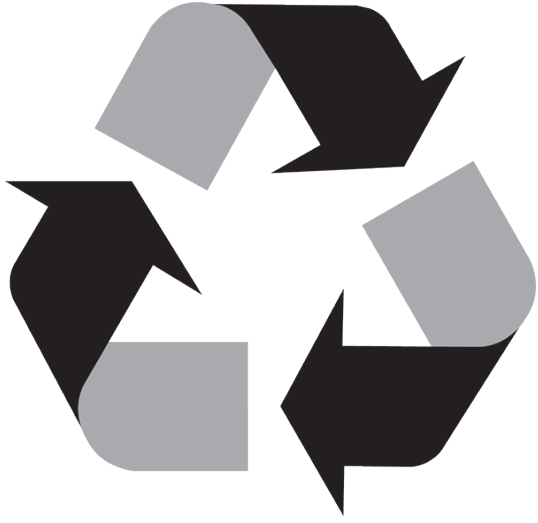
Although Highline’s excellence is running on four years, the college could always do better, Cantey said.

“Everybody should be very proud about what we have accomplished and students should feel really great about the education they receive here,

because we do put such a premium on the overall experience we can give a student,” Cantey said. “But just as with anything, there’s always room for improvement.”

Some areas the college could improve on in the future range from focus an individual student or being more aware of a group as a whole, Dr. Bermingham said.

“We need to continue improving student achievement and find ways to engage our students more effectively,” he said. “Our important work on cultural competencies as educators acknowledges that we have much more to do.”



One human can make the difference

Anyone can recycle. It's easy to do.

According to Conserve Energy Future, more than 60 percent of trash could be recycled.

People often ignore or don't think about the long term effects that can happen if they don't recycle.

People might think "well, I'm only one human." According to experts, one human in the United States uses 680 pounds of paper a year and most just throw it away instead of recycling it.

People need to become more aware of what they are doing to the environment. Remember that there is only one earth and this earth is shared with other people.

Recycling is one of the most effective ways to take care of the environment. Recycling saves energy and can help save fossil fuels. Most plastic bags and garbage are thrown into the ocean effecting many sea animals.

Often times sea animals die of malnourishment, because the animals eat plastics and become full but don't get the actual nourishment they need because a plastic cap won't contain the nutrients they need.

Another devastating impact people have on the environment for choosing not to recycling is the amount of trees that are being wasted.

According to experts an estimated 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away in the United States each year.

Recycling can be a tough call when you don't know what to recycle.

- Plastics bottle, jars, and jugs are recyclable. Make sure that the plastics are clean when they are put into the recycling bin.

- Glass is recyclable including clear glass, brown glass, or green glass.

- Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and bakeware, steel cans, and tin cans can be recycled. Aluminum is one of the most recycled item in the United States experts say.

Unfortunately, experts also say that people who don't recycle an aluminum can don't know that it can stay in that form for up to 500 years or more.

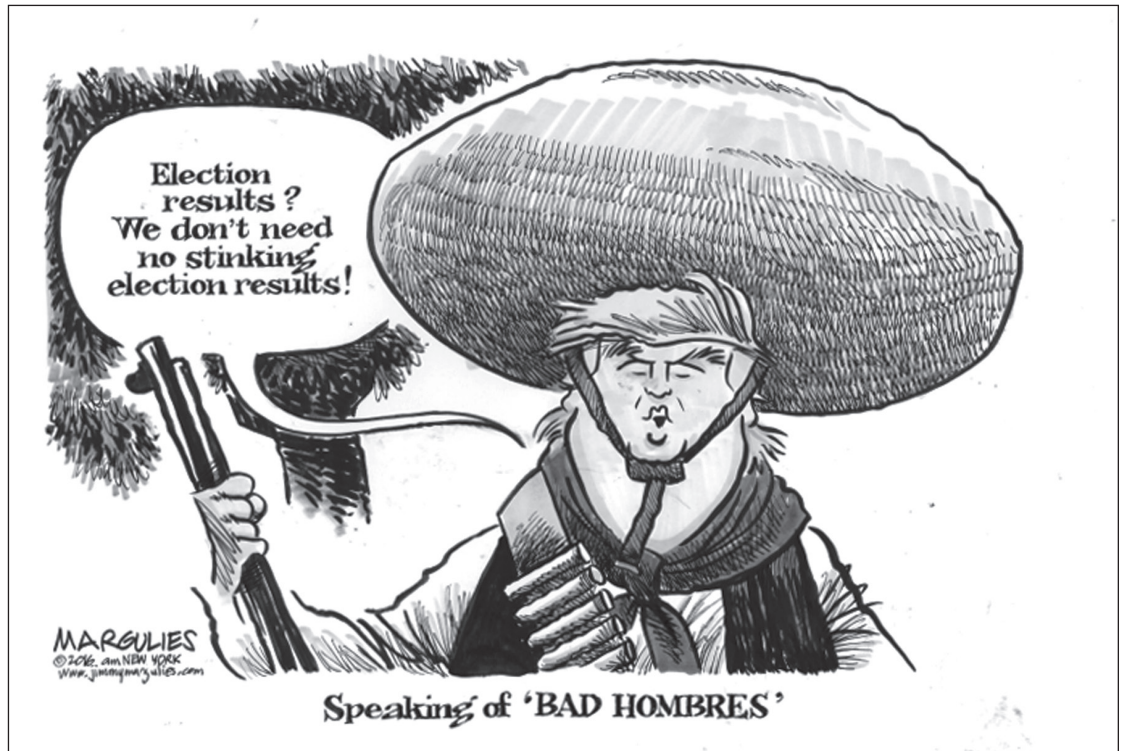
- Cardboard, magazines, office paper, newspapers, paper-board, paper cardboard dairy and juice cartons, unsolicited direct mail and phone books are all item you should consider recycling. Magazines are often a confusing type of paper to know if you should recycle or not, because of the glossy texture.

According to Waste Management about 45 percent of magazines are recycled. Today you can recycle magazines.

Recycling doesn't take a lot of your time. It's just a quick decision that can be made without the pain of going out of your way.

Recycling is also a cheap way to help minimize the impact on the environment. In fact garbage collection firms will give discounts to the household that decide to recycle.

Recycling helps minimize our impact on future generations.



Rape culture is not a culture

Commentary

One in five women will be raped at some point in their life and for men, the ratio is one in 71.

According to the group Women Against Violence Against Women rape culture is a term that was coined by feminists in the United States in the 1970s.

It was designed to show the ways in which society blamed victims of sexual assault and normalized male violence.

The fact that rape culture today is still as prevalent, if not more prevalent, than it was back in the day, is absurd.

It's been almost half a century. You would think things would've changed by now.

Rape culture is so normal in this day and age and we contribute to it every single day. The crazy thing is that we don't even realize it.

It's in the music we listen to, the shows we watch, the social media we spend hours on, the jokes we tell, the books that we read, and even the clothes we wear.

I listen to music a lot, and most of the time I overlook what the artist is saying because it's so catchy it doesn't even seem to matter.

Highline's Intercultural Center recently had "Women of Vision" and "Men of Vision" awareness meetings where they discussed rape culture and sexual violence, and the specific purpose of it was to raise awareness of the severity and conse-



Wangari Muranga

quences of taking these issues so lightly.

They had quotes of some of the verses from the song Blurred Lines in which Robin Thicke calls a girl an animal and in the chorus he says "I know you want it" repeatedly.

I used to sing that song all the time but I didn't even realize what I was saying.

I read a blog the other day by Jessica Valenti and she said "rape is as American as apple pie", there is so much truth in this and that's ridiculous.

Take for example Donald Trump. He has several allegations of sexual assault made against him, even one having to do with a 13-year-old girl, but this man could still potentially take office come January.

This is just one of the many cases where privilege and power as well as excuses come into play.

Due to the fact that courts do

not see the seriousness in sexual violence, a lot of sexual assault victims don't speak up. Some 63 percent of sexual assaults are not reported.

Also, did you know that 97 out of every 100 rapists receive no punishment?

That's only three that will ever spend even a single day in prison.

These kind of statistics send a clear message to offenders that they can commit this horrible crime and ultimately get away with it.

Courts minimize the seriousness of rape by defending the rapist or blaming the victim.

Normal things you would hear in a dispute would be things such as "what was she wearing?" or "It wasn't really rape" (if the woman doesn't have bruises or marks) or even "but he has such a bright future" (i.e. the Brock Turner rape case).

"They are all innocent until proven guilty. But not me. I am a liar until I am proven honest," said author Louise O'Neill in her book *Asking For It*.

We need to wake up and realize that "rape culture" should not be a thing.

No matter the stats, no matter the circumstance, if you or someone you know is a rape or sexual violence/assault victim you need to speak up, break the myths, and report it.

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Arts
Round up



Squid-A-Rama

The Des Moines Arts Commission and MaST Center will team up on Saturday, Nov. 5 to host the fourth annual Squid-A-Rama event. Visitors can explore the anatomy of squid from the Puget Sound before using the creatures ink sacs to produce art work. They can also participate in games and activities. The event is free and runs from 4-7:30 p.m. Food and beverages from Salty's restaurant will be available for purchase. The event is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S. For more information, visit mast.highline.edu or call (206)592-4000.

Little Red Riding Hood

Centerstage! in Federal Way will host from Nov. 26 – Dec. 22, *Little Red Riding Hood*, presented to audiences in a pantomime fashion. The stage production is a comedy appropriate for all ages. This holiday-themed show features songs, jokes, and panto routines. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and military, \$15 for youth 25 and younger, and \$50 for VIP. The show will be at 3200 S.W. Dash Point Road. Additional Information can be found at centerstage-theatre.com.

The Elves and The Toymaker

Auburn Avenue Theater will host on Nov. 26 this holiday-themed musical. The Toymaker and his wife have been working day and night building toys for boys and girls everywhere, but somehow the toys all disappear. Musical lovers can come see whether the elves can save the day. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Auburn Avenue Theater is at 10 Auburn Ave. For more information, visit auburnwa.gov.

A Christmas Story

Auburn Avenue Theater will host on various days in December a holiday-themed musical based on the 1983 film classic *A Christmas Story*. This musical received rave reviews on its Broadway run and is appropriate for all musical lovers and families. Regular tickets are \$15 and \$13 for students and seniors. The stage production will be at 10 Auburn Ave. For more information, visit auburnwa.gov.

Vandals target Redondo art

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

Whether it's a lack of art appreciation or that some visitors to Redondo are just into vandalism, people continue to deface art sculptures in the south Des Moines neighborhood.

Within the last year, three sculptures installed at Redondo have been destroyed by unknown individuals.

The sculptures were part of the Des Moines Arts Commission outdoor sculpture project along the main streets of Des Moines, the Marina District, Beach Park, and Redondo.

The sculpture project allows local artists the opportunity to exhibit their works in these locations for two years. Sculptures are insured by the city after the artist agree to a \$1,000 deductible that insures the sculpture for a replacement value up to \$25,000.

In return, artists are compensated \$500 per year to cover maintenance-related expenses. Artists' whose sculptures are selected sign an agreement with the city of Des Moines stating that the Des Moines Art Commission will receive a 20 percent commission for each sculpture then sold.

This money will be used for

the purchase of sculptures for a future sculpture garden in the city.

"Although these artists' are reimbursed for materials, they aren't reimbursed for the time they put into the sculpture," said Patrice Thorell, Des Moines Parks and Recreation director.

The *Honey + ? 2.1* sculpture, created by Milo White and Lin McJunkin, was installed at Redondo last June. It incorporated stained glass into a honey comb shaped frame.

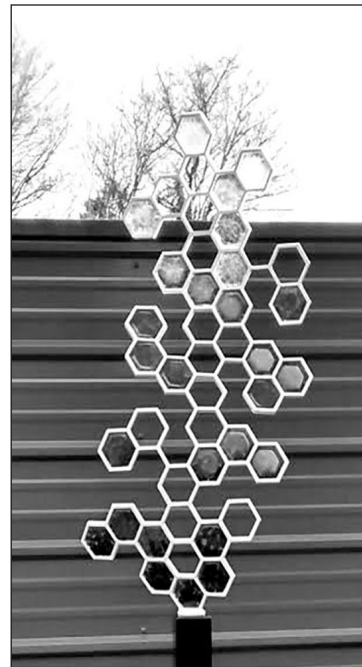
About a week later, the sculpture was discovered bent off its platform and thrown into the nearby Poverty Bay.

Thorell said after White and McJunkin learned their sculpture had been vandalized they were very upset and uninterested in exhibiting future art. And this wasn't the only sculpture that has been vandalized at Redondo.

"Someone's picking on that spot," Thorell said.

In August, local artist Karsten Boysen's *Sol Sole Soul* sculpture was installed in the same spot to replace the damaged *Honey + ? 2.1*. Three days after installation, Boysen's sculpture was discovered damaged and detached from its platform.

"After receiving the news, Boysen took his sculpture home



City of Des Moines Photo
Honey + ? 2.1 before it was damaged by vandals.

to make repairs," Thorell said. Although Boysen was upset, he was open to placing another sculpture at Redondo, she said.

Last month, Boysen helped install his new 12-foot tall sculpture *Vector* in the same spot where "Sol Sole Soul" was placed.

Thorell said Boysen crafted this sculpture out of more robust material to avoid future vandalism. *Vector*, came with a \$1,000 honorarium and is set to be on

display for the next two years.

"To avoid future vandalism, we will make sure sculptures that are accepted are made structurally well, with materials that aren't easy to damage," Thorell said.

If more robust materials and other precautions doesn't fix the problem, the city might remove all art at Redondo, she said.

Thorell said she believes Redondo is a high-risk location for sculpture vandalism as it is the least visible of all sites. *Big Catch*, a sculpture by Richard Beyer, has been up for 22 years at the Big Catch Plaza at South 216th and Marine View Drive and has remained undamaged.

Octavia, a glass sculpture constructed by George C Scott, has been at the same general location for five years and also remains undamaged.

As discontending as the vandalism is, the city wants to continue the program.

"The Arts Commission believes arts really bring the community together. Some may not appreciate it, but some do," Thorell said.

She said it's OK for art to be controversial, and it's always going to be, but that's not a reason to vandalize someone else's work.

Gibson takes a hacksaw to war and peace

By Jessica Strand
Staff Reporter

Hacksaw Ridge starts at the same point it ends, with burning corpses and bullet-riddled bodies stretching as far as the eye can see.

As if straight from the infernos of hell, flames lap up the backs of running figures.

From the first scene of *Hacksaw Ridge*, it is evident that this is not a movie for the faint of heart.

Director Mel Gibson and cinematographer Simon Duggan hold nothing back when showing the viciousness of war. The movie earns its R rating due to the intensely graphic war scenes.

This is the first movie that Gibson has directed in a decade. He exited the spotlight after a bout with alcoholism, and making racist comments to police, as well as to the mother of his child during a messy breakup.

If you can stomach the blood and gore, at the heart of this epic is an inspirational story of perseverance and dedication. Above all is the idea that life is precious — an unlikely idea to find within the folds of a war movie.

Hacksaw Ridge is based on the

true story of Privet First Class Desmond Doss (played by Andrew Garfield) who saved 75 men over a 12-hour period during World War II — the equivalent of one man every 10 minutes. While everyone else in his unit fell back, Doss stayed behind to rescue his injured comrades.

He saved them all while never firing a gun.

While his religious beliefs — he was a Seventh-Day Adventist — precluded him from taking life, Doss felt obligated to serve, and entered the military as a medic. He endured ridicule from fellow soldiers for refusing to train with firearms. They would later recount him as much braver than themselves.

Doss was classified as a conscientious objector, which is a person who refuses to perform military service because of freedom of thought, conscience, disability or religion.

Doss became the first conscientious objector in United States history to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, which is the highest honor a soldier can receive.

After the opening scene, Gibson takes the viewer through events in a young Doss's life that

cemented his strong convictions in his faith, and the sanctity of life. From there we jump to just before Doss enlists.

Garfield skillfully plays his part as the silent observer. Time seems to practically stop during each moment that leads Doss closer to his decision to enlist. It's almost as if you can hear what he's thinking by the expression on his face.

During this time a love story develops between him and a nurse named Dorothy (Teresa Palmer) from the local hospital. This story is slightly embellished from actual events, but in true Hollywood fashion, a story isn't a story without a blossoming romance.

After Doss enlists, the artistic license of writers Andrew Knight and Robert Schenkkan makes events appear as if it happens in a matter of a couple of months in training, and a matter of days in Japan.

They take what happened over a couple of years in training, and condensed it into what seems like a few weeks. During this time Doss endures ridicule from the Sergeant of his unit, Sgt. Howell (Vince Vaughn), and other members of his unit. And almost faces a court

martial, fueled by the disdain of Captain Jack Glover (Sam Worthington).

While there is a time jump from training to when they land in Japan, the only way of knowing is from the date in the corner of the screen which reads "Okinawa, May 1945." It appears as if they are fresh off the boat from training. However, in reality they had already experienced battle in Guam before arriving in Okinawa.

However, Gibson's telling of events works if you look at the movie as a colorful rendition, and not a play by play of events.

Like any great story worth telling, to tell every detail would stretch the movie much longer than any sane person is willing to sit through. All of the important elements are brought together to help the viewer to understand what Doss experienced.

From the moment they set foot on *Hacksaw Ridge*, it is nothing but blood and carnage. At times the battle scenes seem like a well-choreographed dance.

The film production is ripe with religious undertones. It seems as if they enter hell on the ridge, and Doss channels God to hell to save his comrades.

Adventure on a budget

Having a good time doesn't have to drain the student or family wallet

By Kelsey Par
Staff Reporter

Students and young families on a budget have a plethora of options when it comes to affordable activities throughout South King County.

Des Moines

• The **Highline MaST Center** boasts the state's third largest aquarium. It is free and open to the public every Saturday.

Its various tanks hold more than 3,000 gallons of saltwater and about 250 native marine species from the Puget Sound.

Public viewings are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. in the summer. On the second Saturday of each month, Marine Science Technician Randy Williams takes the public on a free underwater escapade.

Live Dive events begin at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. and run for approximately 30 minutes. The MaST Center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S. For more information, visit mast.highline.edu

• The **Waterland Arcade and Sandbar**, in the Des Moines Marina District is both family-friendly and affordable. The arcade features many new and retro arcade games that range from 25-50 cents per play.

The arcade also features a sand bar where those who are 21 and older can purchase \$3 beers and ciders. Waterland Arcade is at 22306 Marine

View Drive S., and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit waterlandarcade.com

• **Saltwater State Park** is an 87-acre park that features approximately 1,445 feet of saltwater beachfront on the Puget Sound as well as a swimming beach. The park also has 48 campsites and is a popular location for scuba divers.

Inside the park is an automated pay system where visitors can purchase a \$10 one-day pass or an annual Discover Pass. Saltwater Park is open year-round from 8 a.m. to dusk and is at 25205 8th Pl. S. For more information, visit parks.state.wa.us

• Also in Des Moines, is the **Mt. Rainier Pool** that is open year-round and welcomes people of all ages. Some of the many programs the pool offers include swim lessons, lap swims, water exercise and public and family swims.

Prices range from \$3.75-\$10 depending upon events and ages. Family and individual long-term pool passes can be purchased and range from \$100-\$600.

The pool is at 22722 19th Ave. S. For more information, visit mtrainierpool.com

Renton

• The 8-bit Arcade Bar is a fam-

ily-themed adult-style arcade that serves beer, milkshakes and pizza. The arcade welcomes all ages until 9 p.m. then changes to 21 and older. 8-bit Arcade Bar features several affordable retro arcade games open to all.

The arcade is open Monday-Friday from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2 a.m. For more information, call 425-291-7693.

SeaTac

• **Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden** is a 10.5-acre botanical garden that features various gardens. Some of these include the Sensory Garden, Puget Sound Fuchsia Club, Seike Japanese Garden, Elda Behm's Paradise Garden and more.

The garden is open from dusk to dawn each day of the year and admission is free. The Botanical Garden is at 13735 24th Ave. S. For more information, visit highlinegarden.org

Federal Way

• A surplus of entertaining and affordable activities are available for the extreme south county population. The **AMC Gateway 8 theater**, formally known as the \$2 theater, features several new 2D and 3D films for only \$2 per ticket (not including snacks and refreshments).

Currently the theater is running Finding Dory, Bad Moms, Jason Bourne, Kubo and the Two Strings, Suicide Squad, The Secret Life of Pets,



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Waterland Arcade in Des Moines is home to many new and retro arcade games that cost 25 cents per play.

Ice Age: Collision Course, and more.

Gateway 8 is at 2501 S., in the Gateway Center. For more information, visit amctheaters.com

• Also in Federal Way, is the **Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden** that features self-guided tours through the largest collections of species rhododendrons in the world. The garden is home to more than 700 species found in the wilds of Asia, Europe and North America.

General admission is \$8, \$5 for students and seniors and free for children ages 12 and younger. Hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but it is closed on Mondays.

The garden is at 2525 S., 336th St. For more information, visit rhodygarden.org.

• **Dash Point State Park** is positioned on the Puget Sound and features a 398-acre camping park and 3,301 feet of saltwater beachfront. Park activities include eight miles of biking trails, 11 miles of hiking trails, freshwater fishing, swimming, bird watching, sailboarding, and more.

Dash Point is open year round from 8 a.m. to dusk and requires a day-pass or Discovery Pass that can be purchased on site.

The park is at 5700 S.W. Dash Point Road. For more information, visit parks.state.wa.us

• Also in Federal Way, **Trampoline Nation** has more than 5,000 square feet of trampolines arranged together in a large open space. Ages 3 and older can enjoy the gym's launch zone, dodgeball and more.

For children 3 and younger, there is a separate area where they can jump safely. Monday-Friday prices are \$11 for the first hour and \$7 for additional hours and \$11 per hour Saturday and Sunday.

Hours are 4-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Trampoline Nation is at 35025 Enchanted Parkway S. For more information, visit trampolinenation.com

• The Federal Way **Community Center Pool** features a leisure pool, two-story water slide, play structure, lap pool, diving board, and more. Admission is free for ages 2 and younger, \$4 for children ages 3-11, \$5 for teens ages 12-17, \$8 for adults, and \$5 for seniors.

The Community Center is at 876 S., 333rd Street. For more information regarding hours and events, visit itallhappenshere.org

• Also in Federal Way is **Pattison's West Family Skate Center**. The

skating-rink features events such as family skate night, beginners class, advanced class and public skate at various times throughout the week.

Admission is \$10 with the skate rental included and \$7 for those who bring their own skates. The skate center is at 34222 Pacific Highway South.

For more information, visit pattisonswest.com

Auburn

The **Flaming Geyser State Park** is a 480-acre park known for model-airplane flying and water activities on the Green River. Flaming Geyser State Park got its name from the historic flaming geyser that is no longer lit due to the reduction of its methane source. The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk year-round. Model-airplane flying hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to dusk Friday.

The park is at Green Valley Road and Southeast 354th Street. For more information, visit www.parks.wa.gov

• Drama lovers can enjoy a night out at a live theater performance at the **Auburn Avenue Theater**. The theater features several different

family-friendly, comical and holiday-themed performances. Upcoming performances include The Elves and The Toymaker, Yule Be Rockin', A Christmas Story Musical, Comedy at the Ave. and more.

The theater is at 10 Auburn Ave. For more information, visit auburnwa.gov

Tukwila

• **ACME Bowl** is home to 30 public bowling lanes, an arcade, shuffleboard, lane-side Break Room restaurant, and more.

Games prices range from \$3.75-\$6.25 per hour depending upon the time and date and shoe rentals are \$4 per player. ACME Bowl is at 100 Andover Park W. No. 100.

For more information, visit acmebowl.com

• The **Tukwila Pool** features lap swim, open swim, family swim, water aerobics, club swim and more. The pool operates 7 days a week and offers a wide array of public swim times.

Admission price is \$3 for youth, veterans, and seniors and \$4 for adults.

Tukwila Pool is at 4414 S. 144th St. For more information, visit tukwilapool.org



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T-Birds hope to fly through playoffs

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team earned a first round bye in the playoffs and were ranked No. 2 in the Northwest Athletic Conference's coaches poll.

The T-Birds rolled into the playoffs with an easy start. Last week they ended the league games on top of the Western Division, with a record of 10-1-1, allowing the T-Birds got to skip the first round of competition and move straight into the next round.

Highline and three other teams got the first round bye, 14-0-1 Peninsula, 13-1-1 Spokane and 10-3-2 Chemeketa.

"It definitely gives us an advantage because we get more time to rest, train and get sharp for the quarterfinals," said forward Jason Rodriguez.

In the quarterfinals Highline will be playing either the 9-4-2



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A Highline player works through passing drills during last Tuesday's practice.

Whatcom Orcas or the 9-3-3 Portland Panthers.

"It will be a tough game whether we play Whatcom or Portland. We will prepare just like every other game of the season. We want to be sharp physically, mentally, and [firing] on all cylinders come game time," said Head Coach Steve Mohn.

While Highline sat comfy yesterday, eight teams played each other to secure their spot

in the next round.

East No. 3 Walla Walla Warriors and the West No. 2 Tacoma Titans duked it out for a chance to play the No. 1 Peninsula Pirates on Nov. 5 in Port Angeles, WA.

West No. 3 Pierce Raiders and East No. 2 North Idaho Cardinals faced off for a chance to play the No. 4 Chemeketa Storm on Nov. 5 in Salem, ORE.

This matchup had all the makings of a low scoring de-

fensive battle. Pierce and North Idaho both had the two lowest goal total of all the playoff teams, with Pierce having 22 goals and Idaho with 24.

Thirdly the North No. 3 Edmond Tritons played at the South No. 2 Clark Penguins on their home field to decide who would play the No. 2 Spokane Sasquatch Nov. 5 in Spokane.

These teams were some of the youngest in the league with Edmonds lineup consisting of only six sophomores and Clark's consisted of only four.

Finally, the two teams who fought to play Highline in the quarterfinals, on Nov. 5 in Tukwila at Starfire fields, was Whatcom and Portland.

Before the matchup Portland hadn't lost a game since Oct. 8. And Whatcom had one of the best defenses in the NWAC, giving up just 15 goals all season. However, Whatcom had also struggled offensively, get-

ting shutout in the last three of their four league games.

Yesterday's first round of games eliminated four teams from the playoff race. The scores and stats from those games were unavailable at press time.

This year there was a lot of speculation around what team will be holding that trophy at the end of the year.

"Tough to predict as all teams will be strong and motivated out there. Highline, Peninsula and Spokane has good chances to win it all but again it's hard to predict what will happen at this point. We, Edmonds will make sure we challenge that trophy on our best ability as well," said Edmonds Head Coach Ozzy Erkut.

At the end of the day "it will come down to the team that wants it the most and willing to do whatever it takes on and off the pitch to make that dream a reality," said Whatcom Head Coach Jordan Jorgensen.

Highline among NWAC's top five volleyball teams

By Aleyah Bennett
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's volleyball team is ranked fifth in the latest NWAC coaches poll, despite being only second in their own division.

With the playoffs coming up on Nov. 11, Highline closed out its regular season with a 3-0 win over Centralia on Oct. 26 and a 3-0 sweep of Green River on Oct. 28.

Highline finished the regular season with a 9-2 division record and 27-5 overall.

The Lady T-Birds swept Centralia 25-17, 25-15, 25-23.

The T-Birds trailed the whole third set until they finally came back to tie the set 20-20.

"We played uninspired. We won but we did not improve," Coach Chris Littleman said.

Marter then got serious and spiked the ball and hit one of the Trailblazers in the face. The T-Birds pulled out the set 25-23.

Two days later the T-Birds brought a similar romp over the Green River Gators, 25-14, 25-13, 25-14.

"In the Green River match, our next match we played inspired and we were extremely focused on each point," Coach Littleman said

Apryll Eneliko led the T-Birds with 11 kills. Taylor Alicuben had 28 sets and Lindsey Nein led the team with 14 digs.

"We played consistent throughout the whole match," Coach Littleman said.

"We are getting to the end of the season and trying to play consistent, high level volleyball,

and peak at the right time for NWAC," Coach Littleman said. Meanwhile, Pumehana Nedlic has been cleared to practice and play.

"I'm so happy that I'm back. The plan for me is to gradually get back into playing," Nedlic said.

"Pumehana is going to start practicing this week and see how

her body reacts," said Littleman.

"It was really had for me to sit out on the bench while the team was playing. I wanted to play so bad but I understood

that concussions are very serious and I needed to get completely healthy before I started playing in games again," Nedlic said.

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No. 2 T-Birds head to playoffs

By Konner Hancock
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team will play either the Lakers or the Trojans after the first round of playoffs.

The team finished off their league games with a record of 13-1-0 and conquered the Western Division which landed them an immediate spot in the quarterfinals.

Highline got a first round bye along with three other teams in the Northwest Athletic Conference, 15-0-0 Peninsula, 13-0-1 Spokane and 11-0-1 Clark.

"It's always a tremendous advantage to have a bye in the playoffs, an advantage that all of the teams strive for. More time to prepare and skipping a whole round of possible elimination," said Clark Head Coach Sean Janson.

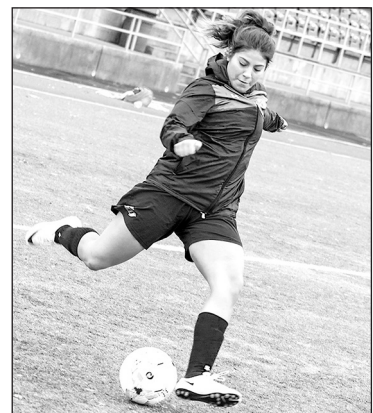
In the quarter finals the Lady T-Birds will play one of two teams, the 6-6-0 South West Oregon Lakers or the 9-6-0 Everett Trojans.

Highline didn't play either of these teams this season, but preparing for teams that the T-Birds have never played isn't very different from their usual game prep, said Highline Head



Bao Tran/THUNDERWORD

Freshman goalkeeper Jocelyn Hanrath makes a save in practice last Tuesday.



Bao Tran/THUNDERWORD
A Highline player takes shot during practice last Tuesday.

Coach Thomas Moore.

"Obviously we have watched plenty of video all year and are putting together some ideas of what the women need to expect going into this game. Notable dangerous players, goal scorers, and any weaknesses we think we can take advantage of," said Moore.

Everett and South West Oregon are both talented teams, otherwise they wouldn't have made it to the playoffs, said Moore. Whichever team Highline faces will compete to the best of their ability that day.

While Highline waits to find out its first post season competitor, four other teams are battling for a spot in the next round.

West No. 3 Green River

Gators took on the East No. 2 North Idaho Cardinals to get a chance to play the Clark Penguins on Nov. 5 in Vancouver, WA.

This was the first time these two teams have ever met in NWAC history.

East No. 3 Walla Walla Warriors faced off against the, West No. 2 Tacoma Titans for a chance to move on and face the Peninsula Pirates on Nov. 5 in Port Angeles.

This was the first time Tacoma will be hosting a playoff match since 2009.

North No. 3 Shoreline Dolphins went against South No. 2 Lane Titans to decide who takes on the Spokane Sasquatch on Nov. 5 in Spokane.

The Titans were pursuing re-

venge from last year's playoff loss where the Dolphins upset Lane 4-3. With 22 combined sophomores who played in last year's game, most players probably remembered their last meeting.

Finally, the two teams fighting to enter the quarterfinal game against Highline, at Tukwila's Starfire fields is South No. 3 South West Oregon and North No. 2 Everett.

South West Oregon and Everett are both riddled with young players, combining for 18 freshmen will be playing in this game.

Yesterday's first round of games eliminated four teams from the playoff race. The scores and stats from those games were unavailable at press time.

"There are some very good teams this year and I could see

several teams hoisting the trophy. I guess the favorites, would be Peninsula and Spokane. Obviously Shoreline made an incredible underdog run last year and I wouldn't be surprised if us or another underdog will make it to the final four again this year," said Shoreline Head Coach Josh Cardin.

Every one of the top teams are stacked this year so getting past the second round of play will be hard on the underdogs, said Cardin.

"Well, the final coaches' poll came out and it looks like the numbers show it should be Peninsula and Spokane. But if I were a betting person I wouldn't count us out just yet," said Highline Head Coach Thomas Moore.

Scoreboard

NWAC Volleyball

WEST		
Team	League	Season
Lower Columbia	10-1	24-6
Highline	9-2	27-5
Grays Harbor	6-5	18-17
Tacoma	7-4	15-12
Pierce	6-5	11-18
S Puget Sound	4-7	7-26
Centralia	2-9	4-22
Green River	0-11	2-26
EAST		
Team	League	Season
Walla Walla	12-1	24-7
North Idaho	12-2	17-12
Spokane	8-4	21-13
Blue Mountain	8-5	19-15
Columbia Basin	7-6	17-23
Wenatchee Valley	5-8	11-23
Yakima Valley	5-9	12-12

NWAC Volleyball

Treasure Valley	2-11	8-16
Big Bend	0-13	1-27
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Bellevue	8-1	31-8
Shoreline	8-2	16-12
Skagit Valley	6-4	16-10
Edmonds	4-5	21-15
Olympic	4-5	17-23
Whatcom	3-6	12-16
Everett	0-10	3-24
SOUTH		
Team	League	Season
Linn-Benton	11-0	35-0
Clark	9-2	23-8
Chemeketa	8-3	13-9
SW Oregon	3-8	15-16
Umpqua	3-8	14-22
NWAC Women's Soccer		
WEST		
Team	League	Season
Highline	13-1-0	15-2-0

NWAC Women's Soccer

Tacoma	11-3-0	12-4-2
Green River	8-4-1	10-4-2
Bellevue	8-6-0	6-8-0
Centralia	6-4-4	10-5-4
Peirce	2-7-3	4-8-4
Lower Columbia	2-11-1	4-15-1
Grays Harbor	0-14-0	1-14-1
EAST		
Team	League	Season
Spokane	13-0-1	17-0-4
North Idaho	10-1-3	12-2-3
Walla Walla	9-4-1	13-5-2
Treasure Valley	7-6-1	10-7-2
Wenatchee Valley	6-7-0	8-7-2
Columbia Basin	3-10-1	4-12-2
Yakima Valley	3-11-0	4-10-1
Blue Mountain	0-14-0	0-16-0
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Peninsula	15-0-0	16-1-1
Everett	9-6-0	11-7-0
Shoreline	6-4-5	8-5-6
Whatcom	7-6-2	8-7-3

NWAC Women's Soccer

Edmonds	3-10-2	3-12-2
Skagit Valley	1-12-2	0-12-3
SOUTH		
Team	League	Season
Clark	11-0-1	14-2-1
Lane	10-1-0	11-3-2
SW Oregon	6-6-0	7-9-0
Rogue	5-6-1	5-8-1
Clackamas	4-6-1	5-9-2
Portland	3-9-0	3-10-2
Chemeketa	0-11-0	0-15-0
NWAC Men's Soccer		
WEST		
Team	League	Season
Highline	10-1-1	11-1-2
Tacoma	8-1-3	11-2-5
Peirce	4-7-1	5-9-2
S Puget Sound	3-9-0	3-11-2
Bellevue	2-9-1	2-11-1
EAST		
Team	League	Season
Spokane	13-1-1	13-3-3

NWAC Men's Soccer

North Idaho	7-6-2	8-7-4
Walla Walla	7-6-2	10-7-3
Wenatchee Valley	5-7-1	6-8-1
Columbia Basin	3-5-5	5-5-6
Treasure Valley	3-11-1	3-11-2
NORTH		
Team	League	Season
Peninsula	14-0-1	14-0-2
Whatcom	9-4-2	10-5-2
Edmonds	7-6-2	10-7-3
Skagit Valley	6-8-1	8-8-1
Shoreline	4-9-0	5-10-0
Everett	1-14-0	2-14-2
SOUTH		
Team	League	Season
Chemeketa	10-3-2	10-5-4
Clark	10-4-1	10-7-2
Portland	9-3-3	9-4-5
Lane	7-8-0	9-8-0
Rogue	5-9-1	7-10-1
SW Oregon	0-14-1	0-17-2

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 4 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 7 Spruced up
- 11 Dazzle
- 13 Historic period
- 14 Related (to)
- 15 Caffeine-rich nut
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- 40 "Bam!"
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- 45 Hardy cabbage
- 47 Home turf?
- 48 Fit of peevishness
- 49 Lofty
- 50 "See ya"
- 51 Listener
- 52 Puncturing

DOWN

- 1 Requests
- 2 Pack away
- 3 Hawaiian dance
- 4 Morning moisture
- 5 Verbal
- 6 boredom
- 7 Clay, now
- 8 — out a living
- 9 Have a bug
- 10 Explosive letters
- 11 Old music-based game
- 12 Candy known for its dispensers
- 13 Carpet
- 14 Lower limb
- 15 Top-ranking noble
- 16 Mr., in Munich
- 17 "Sad to say"

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you



move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Good news -- you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that im-

portant task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

Puzzle answers on Page 12



featured the line, *Hasta la vista, baby?*

8. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is a fear of books called?

9. **HISTORY:** Who was the first U.S. astronaut to fly into space twice?

10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What food is eaten traditionally in the United Kingdom on the day before Ash Wednesday?

1. **LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the Greek prefix *xeno*?

2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Gotland Island is located in what body of water?

3. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does a micron measure?

4. **MOVIES:** Who was the Oscar-winning director of the movie *Deer Hunter*?

5. **LITERATURE:** In which U.S. state was the writer Eudora Welty born?

6. **MUSIC:** Who wrote the song *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head*?

7. **MOVIES:** What movie

- 1. Foreigner or stranger
- 2. Baltic Sea
- 3. Length
- 4. Michael Cimino
- 5. Mississippi
- 6. Burt Bacharach and Hal David
- 7. *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*
- 8. Bibliophobia
- 9. Gus Grissom
- 10. Pancakes

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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Republicans face uphill battle in 33rd district

By **Cris Romero**
Staff Reporter

With just five days left to the Nov. 8 general election, the candidates for Legislative District 33 representative positions would be expected to be rushing about for votes.

Democratic candidate Tina Orwall is the incumbent for position 1 and is running against Republican opponent John Potter. Orwall has been campaigning hard, but Potter has been elusive. Potter does not have an online presence and did not return calls for an interview.

In his voters pamphlet statement, Potter says he is pro-life and against higher taxes. He has worked with at-risk and special needs youth in addition to numerous volunteer efforts in the community.

Rep. Orwall has been endorsed by eight organizations such as the Washington State Labor Council, and 19 elected officials such as the state Attorney General Bob Ferguson as well as the mayor of Des Moines, Matt Pina.

Rep. Orwall is encouraging young voters and first-time voters to learn more about local government and the impor-



State Rep. Tina Orwall



John Potter



State Rep. Mia Gregerson



Pamela Pollock

tance of local candidates.

“Media often focuses on a federal level, but if you really look at things that impact people’s day to day lives it’s actually more local and important because we’re actually creating ordinances and laws that people will see locally and daily,” Rep. Orwall said.

She said she often meets with people in the community and visits classrooms to meet with students to discuss issues that matter to her, to them, and the community.

Running for re-election for Position 2, Democratic Rep. Mia Su-Ling Gregerson is pitted against Pamela Pollock of the Republican Party.

Pollock and Rep. Gregerson differ in plans in areas such as education.

Rep. Gregerson has focused on educational infrastructure. According to her website, she has planned to restructure and rebuild school buildings that are outdated and too old to function, ensuring that measures would go into effect that

would implement these plans.

Pollock wants the authority to remain with parents, teachers, and school boards “in order to provide the highest quality of education from kindergarten to university,” according to her website.

On transportation, Pollock is pushing her efforts to eliminate tolls, which she claims will help end traffic congestion.

Rep. Gregerson fought for implementing the Sound Transit light rail to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and eventually to further south in

King County.

Rep. Gregerson, an alumna of Highline, said she considers the college a home and will come home anytime she is needed.

“When I’m not home, I am advocating for the issues that are really important to our Highline community,” Rep. Gregerson said.

Pollock did not respond to requests for an interview, but her websites states that she has been endorsed by the Human Life PAC.

Rise of Hitler has parallels to modern politics, professor says

By **Jacqueline Robinson**
Staff Reporter

People today are attacking the very fundamentals of the idea of democracy, a Highline professor said recently.

History Professor Dr. Teri Balkenende talked about the fall of Weimar Republic and the rise of Adolph Hitler at a recent History Seminar.

The seminar is a weekly series of presentations on topics of historical interest.

In Dr. Balkenende’s research found what she calls and “astounding amount” of current day criticism of democracy.

“Our votes don’t count anyway. The electoral system is rigged. Jailing and assassinating your political rivals is somehow OK. The best way to deal with people you don’t agree with is to disenfranchise them by taking away their voting rights, their liberty and their lives,” she said, paraphrasing current complaints about the country.

“Civil liberties are bad because all of the protection that is supposed to protect us from big government are bad because minorities get them too,” she said.

Dr. Balkenende defended democracy.

“I’ve said it time and time again, civil liberties are a good thing,” she said. “They protect all of us, not just minorities, meaning we all have freedom.”

Turning her attention to Germany’s democracy, Dr. Balkenende addressed the disconnection in the state.

There was no real sense of German nationalism within the German state in the late 1800s, there were a lot of smaller states that had their own identity, she said.

“They all think of themselves as Prussians and Bavarians and Hessians and not necessarily as ‘Germans.’ They needed some sort of nationalism to knit this all together.”

“This led to the ‘Volkisch Movement,’ which was promoting the idea of nationalism which incorporated the nobility of the German blood line and a romanticism focused on German folk history,” she said. “This lends its self to a racist notion of what being German was.”

Nonetheless, the German state followed the lead of other countries in establishing political parties, including the Social Democratic Party, founded in 1863. It grew to the largest party in the Reichstag by 1912.

“The socialists were an accomplished party. They raised wages, improved working conditions for minors improved pay for veterans and much more,” she said.

“In 1918-1919, the Germans are losing the World War I,” said Dr. Balkenende. “Their allies are abandoning them and the British blockade is stopping food from coming in, causing people to starve.”

After the war, the socialists wanted to create the Weimar Republic, but realized they needed the backing of a military power to defeat the communists, who

were also fighting for control.

The socialists defeated the communists in 1919. Nonetheless, the German military hated the democracy. They hired Hitler to be an intelligence agent in 1920.

“Hitler’s power in the German Workers party grows quickly. The party begins to re-brand themselves as Nazis. The party grows from seven members to 3,000 members from 1918 to 1920,” said Dr. Balkenende.

“After the Germans lost in WWI, they were forced to pay heavy reparations to all of the victors. But they couldn’t afford to pay everyone back.”

In 1923, Germany printed large amounts of money to pay back with countries. Because of inflation, they were paying countries back with worthless

money. This eventually led to another world war.

“The current chancellor, Von Papen, realizes that he was losing popularity and gave his chancellorship to Hitler with the agreement that he could have some power under Hitler,” she said.

“In 1933-1934 three events helped Hitler consolidate his power: the Reichstag fire, the night of the long knives, and Hindenburg’s death in 1934.”

Germany, like many countries throughout history, voted their rights away.

“A plurality, not a majority, but a plurality of voters along with some military and social elites basically decided that their interests are better served by a dictator who claims to represent them,” she said.

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Submariners to be honored at Vet's Day parade

By Michael Simpson
Staff Reporter

Auburn will hold its 51st annual Veteran's Day Parade this Saturday and submarine veterans will headline the events.

Veteran's Day originated as Armistice Day to honor military veterans after the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

Such parades are held across the country.

In Auburn, six thousand parade participants are expected to march in more than 200 entries including the U.S. Army 56th First Corps Army Band, veterans from every branch of military service and local scout troops.

"It's a perfect way to honor veterans and support our military troops," said Kristy Pachciarz, the special events coordinator for the City of Auburn. She said she's particularly excited for the fly-by that Joint Base Lewis-McChord will perform.

"The first time I was at it, I was speechless," she said.

Pachciarz and the Department of Parks and Recreation are the main organizers of the parade line-up, display areas and food vendors that will set up on Main Street from E Street to A Street NW.

The Army will display vehicles that parade-goers can touch and tour, she said.



City of Auburn photo

Veteran groups show off vintage vehicles at a past parade.

The National Guard will display a bomb suit and, weather dependent, a rock wall that visitors are free to climb, she said.

Thousands come into town for the parade, so come early, Pachciarz said.

The U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., representing submariners of Washington and Oregon, will begin marching down Main Street shortly after 11 a.m.

The USSVI will be led by two grand marshals from the organization and Albert Durkee, the

western district forward commander.

The organization was officially chartered by the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II in 1964 and currently has approximately 13,000 members across the nation.

Chapters meet monthly to organize charity work and scholarships for submariners and their families.

Durkee said one the main reasons that the USSVI is marching is to seek out new members who may not be aware

of it and "to show the flag."

The parade is particularly special because it may be one of the last times that a World War II submarine vet will be selected as grand marshal, he said.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Auburn City Hall and will last approximately 2.5 hours.

The display booths run from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

More information on the parade can be found at <http://www.auburnwa.gov>

Other event for the holiday will include:

- The Auburn Avenue Theater will host talented veteran entertainers on Nov. 3, 7 p.m. 10 Auburn Ave., Auburn. Admission is free.

- The Auburn American Legion Post No. 78 will host a breakfast on Nov. 5, 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Pancake, eggs, ham, juice and coffee will be served. Auburn Senior Activity Center, 808 Ninth St. SE, Auburn. \$7 per person.

- Veterans 5K Fun Run/Walk starts on Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. Game Farm Park, 3030 R St. S.E., Auburn. Registration is free.

- The Auburn High School Band and Choir Parents will host the Veterans Day high school marching band competition on Nov. 5, 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. Over 30 bands from the state will be competing. Auburn Memorial Stadium, 801 Fourth St. NE, Auburn.

- The Auburn Noon Lions Club and the City of Auburn will host a luncheon on Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pork spare ribs, barbeque chicken, sides and beverages will be served. Reservations are \$15 per person by calling 253-931-3043.

- The Auburn VFW Post No. 1741 will host an open house on Nov. 5, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Veterans and active duty personnel are invited. Food and snacks will be served. Auburn VFW, 1525 A St. NE, Ste. 107.

Veterans

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the military are assisted in navigating college.

The office is also an unofficial clubhouse and support group where Highline veterans say they feel at ease.

"It's been helping me with the transition," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez moved to the United States when he was 10 and as he grew older, he said he felt alienated from family in Mexico and people that didn't view him as American.

"I'm a Mexican-American, so it's just hard to fit in in any culture. You're not really accepted," Gutierrez said.

"I wanted to join a brotherhood, a family and the Marine Corps was what that was for me," he said. "So I joined right out of high school."

Despite family members who called him a traitor to Mexico, he said he applied for permanent United States resident status to join the military.

Racial discrimination largely disappeared from his mindset because of Marine Corps training, Gutierrez said.

"You get mentally broken down," he said.

"One of the first things that



Gutierrez

they told us in boot camp was 'I don't care if you're black, or white,' he said. "The man to your left and your right, that's

who's gonna be your fighting buddy. That's who's gonna be in the foxhole with you. So you better learn to get rid of all that."

The Marines currently practice an equal opportunity program which encourages equal treatment of all servicemen regardless of color, race, religion, or national origin.

Commanders are expected to build camaraderie within their team by setting an ex-

ample of unprejudiced actions and investigating reported and observed offenses, according to the Marine Corps Equal Opportunity Manual that is given to them.

"Discrimination undermines morale, reduces combat readiness and prevents maximum utilization and development of the Marine Corps' most valuable asset, its 'people,'" according to the manual.

Gutierrez said Marines advance on merit and not because of their race.

"The more you prove yourself, the more you come up in rank," he said. "You get accepted."

According to the equal opportunity manual, race must

not be a qualifying factor for promotion.

Gutierrez said that when Marines went on leave, reminders of racial discrimination in the civilian world reappeared.

He said his colleagues would say, "You know I can never bring you home because my family is super racist. But you know you're my brother."

Currently, the percentage of white, African American and Latino active duty, full-time service, Marines, published by the Marine Corps, approximately mirror the same demographics of the United States population.

Approximately 62 percent of the United States is white alone, not including white Latinos,

and approximately 66 percent of active duty Marines are white.

Thirteen percent of the United States is African American, compared to 11 percent in the Marines.

Eighteen percent of the United States is Latino, compared to 17 percent in the Marines.

Nevertheless, racial prejudice is amplified in the civilian world because differences are labeled, Gutierrez said.

He said he hasn't experienced racial discrimination directed toward him "per se" since he left the Marines, but he hears it in the opinions of younger Highline students during class.

"For the most part, I never felt like I fit in like I did in the military."

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Carbon

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A major reason for implementing the carbon tax is due to climate change. This is the extreme changes in weather patterns and earth temperatures due to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which pollutes the atmosphere.

Climate change will cost Washington state up to \$10 billion a year starting in 2020, Silesky said.

“We kind of have to be farsighted and nearsighted when we talk about climate,” he said. “We have to do what’s right for Washington state, but we also know that Washington state on its own is not even a drop in the bucket compared to global climate change.”

If I-732 is not passed, that’s four more years of utility companies polluting for free and four more years of Washington having the most unfair tax system in the U.S., he said.

“I-732 helps by switching the tax burden off of sales and on to fossil fuels. It makes us a lot more progressive,” Silesky said. “Obviously it’s not the be-all-and-end-all to this global problem of climate change but I think it’s certainly bigger than anything else that’s being proposed in North America.”

The carbon tax initiative has

received a lot of attention on a national front, Silesky said. The New York Times and the Washington Post have both covered the proposal. Even Leonardo DiCaprio has endorsed I-732.

“The entire nation is watching what’s happening right here in Washington state because we’re kind of in uncharted territory in terms of climate solutions here,” he said. “We’re trying to be a catalyst for further change. We can’t fight this on our own, but we can be an example.”

The younger generation has shown a tremendous amount of support for the yes campaign, he said.

“Young people are really spearheading this effort because they don’t have the luxury of choice; this is their future,” Silesky said. “There’s a moral urgency built into young people regarding climate change that just doesn’t exist in the same intensity as their parents.”

Those opposed to I-732 say there are better options to reduce pollution, options that may be more inclusive for low income communities.

“As for the Sierra Club, we are in the do not support, but do not oppose position,” said Dania Nuno, an apprentice organizer for the Sierra Club Washington state chapter. Nuno is also a Highline student, majoring in early childhood education.

“We think that there are some

more things that can be done,” she said. “Something that answers questions about equity inclusion and how effective it will be on the long run instead of acting just like a band-aid.”

Some of I-732’s downfalls include the lack of job creation, little to no giving back to communities, and the fact that low-income families will be impacted the most, Nuno said.

“There will also be big losses in money,” she said. “In the first four years, I-732 will be about an \$8 billion loss, which will impact education and other important social services.”

The Sierra Club is the nation’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, according to the club’s website. The club has over 2 million members and supporters that work to protect wildlife and promote clean air, water, and energy.

The club also prides itself on being a leading charge in “the charge to move away from the dirty fossil fuels that cause climate disruption and toward a clean energy economy,” according to the website.

Nuno said the Sierra Club focuses on environmental justice, something that is just not present with the I-732 action plan.

“We focus on environmental justice and that has a lot to do with intersectionality,” she said. “We’re trying to be progressive

about our approaches and drive forward on our diversity, equity, and inclusions part. It’s more than just climate change, it’s environmental justice, too.”

Rather than the carbon tax, Nuno said the Sierra Club and their allies, such as Got Green, and OneAmerica, would much rather see a climate action policy.

“I think that has a lot of really good potential and it really does more forward for communities of color and low income families,” she said. “It would provide jobs for them and move Washington to transition to cleaner energy, renewable energy.”

During the carbon tax lecture on Tuesday, Dr. James Peyton said the new tax on pollution would make Washington’s industries less competitive. Rather than fixing the pollution problem, polluting businesses would just be relocated to states with no carbon tax.

One of the biggest reasons the Sierra Club does not support the initiative is due to the lack of communication between the creators of the tax and the ones who will be impacted.

“A lot of the communities that have been impacted by this and disenfranchised by their work were not brought to the table,” Nuno said. “It’s important that the carbon tax conversation starts with the people who have waited a really long time to be a part of the discussion.”

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