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# TATOO EXPO



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San Francisco tattoo artist Henry Lewis joined dozens of other artists from all over the country and around the world Aug. 12 through 14 at the 2011 Seattle Tattoo Expo. Thousands of fans showed up to get tattoos and see the work of the talented artists at Seattle center.

## Practice SAT at Library

### Study for the SAT with the Seattle Public Library

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Applying for college is expensive, but one Seattle Public Library program can help prospective students improve their SAT scores while reducing the costs.

The library has partnered with Kaplan Test Prep to offer the preliminary SAT (PSAT) for free to 300 students on Sept. 17.

“We have a lot of teen-services librarians also who are telling us that academic support for students is really needed, especially with budget cuts in schools and in other organizations,” said Amy Twito, the program manager for Seattle Public Library’s youth services.

Taking the PSAT can help students find their strengths and weaknesses as well as become more familiar with the test format and questions before taking the actual test. Other SAT preparation classes offered by Kaplan can cost sometimes over \$300, with private tutors running \$100 per hour.

Other application-related fees can really stack up against students. The SAT, required for many college applications, costs \$49. The University of Washington’s nonrefundable application costs \$60. Luckily, fee waivers are sometimes available for those who are eligible. Information about SAT fee waivers can be found on the College Board website.

Katey Houck is a University of Washington student working with the Dream Project, a group of students who provide outreach and network with high school students to help achieve their college dreams. She says application costs are more of a mental burden rather than an actual burden on prospective students.

“[The fees] impact whether they think they can apply to college or not. Most of them qualify for [aid] and don’t have to pay anyways—that’s often a surprise to our students,” she said. “I think it is an issue, but I

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## Medical Respite Center Opens

### King County Executive Dow Constantine made it official

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Homeless people in King County will now have a safe place to recuperate after a hospital visit. A new medical respite center is opening in September and will provide facilities for those needing a place off the streets to heal.

The respite center is the result of a collaborative effort between seven hospitals in the region and Public Health-Seattle & King

County, Seattle Housing Authority, United Way of King County and other county departments are also partners in this joint venture.

“A couple of hospitals approached us over five years ago with the problem of needing a place, or additional capacity, for homeless people when they get out of the hospital,” said Katie Ross of the public health department.

A respite center is essential to King County’s health system because of the number of home-

less people in Seattle. According to the public health department, “It is a more cost-effective and appropriate setting for patients who no longer need hospital-level care.” It will benefit taxpayers as well.

“A hospital can’t just discharge somebody to the streets,” said Virginia Felton, director of communications and strategic planning for Seattle Housing Authority. “That’s not necessarily good for those (patients) and it’s also very costly for the hospital.”

It costs about \$200 a day for a patient to stay in the center, compared to an average of \$1,500 for inpatient hospital care.

The respite center is located on the seventh floor of the Jefferson Terrace building, a high-rise that provides housing for the low-income population. Seattle’s Public Housing Authority is leasing the floor to the public health department so they can work with hospitals to run this center.

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Offering a helping hand will be the focus of the First Annual Seattle Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. The event, scheduled for Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be held at Seattle Central Community College and is expected to connect over 500 homeless veterans and their

families to a variety of services.

Event organizer Samuel Barrett said that Stand Down will target veterans who have returned to civilian life, but have lacked the proper support to successfully reintegrate into society.

“Some of the vets who attend these events may not have had the support network they needed when they got out,” he said. “We are going to have a whole host of services

for these veterans to take advantage of, and hopefully get themselves into better circumstances.”

The Stand Down event began in 1988 in San Diego and focused on veterans who were homeless or at risk of being homeless. It was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War, which

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