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FURRY RACE

King 5 Television anchor Joyce Taylor and her dog Quincy and King 5 Producer Aaron Day with his dog Vito were among the over 1000 runners and walkers who participated in the 14th Annual Furry 5k Fun Run and Walk Sunday, June 9, at Seward Park. Over \$125,000 was raised for the Seattle Animal Shelter's Help the Animals Fund. For more see Furry 5k Fun Run and Walk on page 6.



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Jobs for At Risk Youth

New arts programs aim to reduce youth violence and poverty

This week Mayor Mike McGinn announced a new program that provides work opportunities for at-risk youth in collaboration with arts organizations and the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.

Work Readiness Arts is a program providing out-of-school programming that links arts learning and work experiences for up to 70 Seattle youth ages 14 to 18.

Arts organizations interested in participating in this program are encouraged to submit proposals by June 28.

This is in addition to summer work opportunities targeting at-risk kids offered by SYVPI, the Seattle Parks Department, and the Human Services Department. The mayor's 2013-14 budget funds 450 new slots in the SYVPI program, 225 of which will be filled this year.

"Seattle's at-risk youth need our help to get work experience and a path to prosperity," said McGinn. "By funding these additional opportunities we can help reduce youth violence and strike a blow against poverty in our communities."

"It's important that we provide positive opportunities for at-risk young people in our community to help prevent violence like we saw at the beginning of last summer," said Interim Police Chief Jim Pugel. "Having a summer job in the arts can help keep kids off the street and out of trouble, as well as inspiring them creatively."

The Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative was established after an increase in gun violence in 2008. The Initiative provides youth enrolled in the program with activities, mentoring, case management, employment services, and other targeted support. In 2012, the demand for SYVPI services was so high that the Initiative had a waiting list of youth and enrollment was capped at 1,050 due to limited capacity and services. In earlier years, enrollment had reached a one time high of 1,600 because no one wanted to turn youth away. Without suf-

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Health Benefit Exchange Rolls

\$1.6 million will fund new network in health care services

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange today announced the selection of Public Health – Seattle & King County to provide in-person assistance as part of the Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Program. Washington Healthplanfinder is a new way for people to find, compare and enroll in health insurance in Washington starting Oct. 1, 2013.

Beginning January 1, 2014, about 180,000 uninsured King County residents will be newly

eligible for affordable health coverage through the expansion of the Medicaid program.

Washington Healthplanfinder. Public Health – Seattle & King County will receive \$1.6 million from the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to build and oversee a network of partners who can give residents impartial information to help them determine which health insurance option best fits their needs and help them enroll.

"Our goal is nothing less than the full enrollment of those

uninsured who will become eligible for health insurance next year," said King County Executive Dow Constantine. "We are launching a 'Get Covered King County' initiative to create a 'culture of coverage' in King County."

"We are excited to partner with such knowledgeable and trusted organizations that are experts at reaching people in their communities," said Richard Onizuka, Ph.D, CEO of the Washington Health Benefit Exchange. "Their work will

connect hundreds of thousands of people with quality health coverage – many for the first time."

Public Health is one of 10 organizations statewide, including public health agencies, coalitions, regional health networks, and community organizations, chosen to help residents enroll in a qualified health plan starting Oct. 1, 2013. Lead organizations will share nearly \$6 million in total grants funds from the Exchange.

Somali Attack on Yachters in Court

Three men charged with piracy, murder of Seattle residents

By Brock Vergakis
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Defense attorneys for three Somalis charged with murdering four American yachters in a pirate hijacking said Thursday there's no physical evidence proving their clients fired the shots that killed the Americans during a moment of chaos as U.S. Navy warships and special

forces circled nearby off the coast of Africa.

The attorneys also suggested during opening statements in federal court that the other 11 men who have already pleaded guilty to piracy in the case have a vested interest in testifying against their clients, noting that they agreed to testify in exchange for the possibility of a reduced sentence. The 11 are currently serving mandatory life sentences.

The yacht's owners, Jean and Scott Adam

of Marina del Rey, Calif., and their friends, Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were shot to death in February 2011 after they were taken hostage at sea several hundred miles south of Oman. They were the first Americans to be killed during a wave of pirate attacks that have plagued the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean in recent years,

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