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Congress

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WILL fully participate in the electoral process,” said Nate Miles, Fair Representation coalition member. “Now is the best opportunity for people of color to register and turn out to vote. Electoral races in these majority-minority districts are especially where our votes will have an impact.”

Just how much of a Latino majority the 15th should get was a point of contention among redistricting commissioners. In the end, a bipartisan compromise put the City of Yakima’s Latino populated southeast and north central neighborhoods in the 14th legislative district.

“While we are disappointed that backroom politics resulted in separating Latinos in southeast Yakima city from those in the lower Yakima valley, we will continue to fight for fair representation for all Latinos in Yakima and will maximize political opportu-

nities in our new Latino majority legislative district,” said Lorena munities of color. With a 48 per cent minority population, the 29th

The new 9th congressional district is just over 1-1/2 minorities, at 50.3 percent, including S.E. Seattle, Bellevue, N. Tacoma and S. King Co.

Gonzalez, president of OneAmerica Votes. of should become a majority-minority legislative district in the next

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The coalition also requested that the 29th legislative district reflect Tacoma’s growing com-

requested by advocates. They did, however, include Yakima and Tri-Cities together in the 4th Congressional District, which now holds a fast-growing minority population at 42.8 percent.

“The work of our coalition, United for Fair Representation, is far from over,” said George Cheung, executive director at the Win Win Network. “Engaging in the redistricting process is critical but not sufficient to ensure that everyone has fair representation.”

Cheung says the coalition’s next agenda item is to bring the Washington State Voting Rights Act to the legislature.

“This historic piece of legislation will be an important legal tool for ensuring fair representation for all,” he said.

Find the coalition at www.fairrepresentationWashington.org.

Kids

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plements one of the state’s key constitutional obligations: providing a basic education.

“Healthy kids are ready to learn,” he said. “By offering affordable, comprehensive health coverage that allows children to see a doctor or dentist when they need one, Apple Health for Kids ensures that more children get the most out of school.”

The size of the federal performance bonus is based on the number of children enrolled: the more children enrolled, the bigger the bonus. This year Washington’s bonus ranks as

largest among the 23 states that are being hon-

Between 2006 and 2010, nearly 165,000 children lost health coverage via their families’ employer

because of the 2009 Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). Under CHIPRA, states

compete for an annual performance bonus by demonstrating their commitment to covering uninsured children. The federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services recognized Apple Health for Kids for offering 12-month continuous coverage and simplified application procedures.

For more information go to www.childrensalliance.org

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE JANUARY 2012



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday January 5

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT WESTFIELD SOUTHCENTER MALL. Free Westfield family fun day: Join us for story time; kids will celebrate the Chinese New Year by making good luck necklaces. 10 a.m. Southcenter Mall, 633 Southcenter

Sunday January 8

THE SEATTLE LIBRARY OFFERS FREE FAFSA ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS! Students will be able to talk to financial aid professionals and get help filling out the FAFSA, also get information on statewide student services admission requirements and more. 1 – 4 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 4.

Wednesday January 11

THE NEW JOB SERCH IN THE NEW ECONOMY! This is a free workshop and the public is encouraged to attend. All workshops will be held in room 79 of the Robert Smith Building at South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Ave. SW. 4 – 6 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday January 14 – 15

SEATTLE WEDDING EXPO: Attending a bridal show is very helpful in planning your wedding! Many vendors will be giving away items as a promotion of the show. Admission is free Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St. 10 a.m.

Sunday January 15

SHARE THE DREAM – A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. KING. Come celebrate the life and enduring legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 3 p.m. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. Seattle.