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with its own databases.

“ICE places detainees on aliens arrested on criminal charges to ensure that dangerous criminals are not released from prisons/jails and into our communities,” said Andrew Munoz, ICE spokesman in Seattle, in a statement. “Even though some aliens may be arrested on minor criminal charges, they may also have more serious criminal backgrounds which disguise their true danger to society.”

Immigrant advocates, though, say the program leads to racial profiling and lands too many people without criminal records in detention. They also say that it leads people to fear local police departments and hurts public trust. Some U.S. citizens have also been caught in the dragnet.

Law enforcement agents in sup-

port of the program have said the program adds another layer of security.

But in an email urging supporters to write to Constantine, Jorge Baron of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project said: “King

immigration enforcement.”

Claudia Balducci, King County’s director of adult and juvenile detention, declined to comment beyond saying that the county is considering the move. She said that on a daily average two or

er, declined to provide a copy of the letter.

Counties around the state were under the impression it was a county by county decision to join the program after Gov. Chris Gregoire declined to activate it in 2010.

The program was fully activated in April for Washington state. So far, 88 percent of the nation’s 3,181 jurisdictions have been activated ahead of the 2013 goal of full nationwide compliance.

In April, ICE announced that they will no longer immediately detain suspected illegal immigrants who are arrested only on minor traffic violations and have no criminal history.

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County has a decision to make. Will it protect our county’s residents or will it choose to go along with (Secure Communities) and be complicit in tearing apart our families? Tell the King County Council to keep the County out of

three people of 1,800 jail populations have detainees placed.

Three King County council members — Larry Gossett, Julia Patterson and Larry Phillips — have also written a letter in support. The three members, howev-

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expected to will be counted as “not tested,” which gets tallied in the “not meeting standard” category in the test results for each school. These numbers are currently used to determine if a school and its district are meeting the federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind law.

Schools that fail to meet their goals for several years in a row are considered in “school improvement” and may eventually be required to make a turnaround plan that could include replacing the principal and possibly the teachers, according to state law.

One year of test protests would not likely put a school onto the improvement path, but it could

push a school or district along if its students were already failing to meet state standards.

The school district has called OSPI asking for guidance and par-

“We’re here to help them implement the laws.”

The parents group, which calls itself “We Support Schools Snohomish,” believes their effort has

want smarter, more effective and more cost-efficient testing,” group member Michelle Purcell told *The Everett Herald*. “We feel we have been heard.”

The group plans to expand the protest to other school districts, Purcell said.

Because most of the costs associated with this year’s Measurements of Student Progress have already been paid, having some students not take the tests won’t save the state much money, Jaudon told *The Associated Press*.

Most of the MSP tests, except for the writing exams, are graded by computers, so fewer tests won’t save much money, Jaudon said.

The parents group, which calls itself ‘We Support Schools Snohomish,’ believes their effort has been successful because they have raised awareness among lawmakers that parents are concerned about the exams

ents have called to talk about the situation and their feelings about the tests, Jaudon said.

“I’m not sure as a state that we could come in and tell them what they need to be doing,” she said.

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“We’re not against testing. We want student assessment, but we

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE 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 May 17

THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS SCREENING OF: STARTING AGAIN. STORIES OF REFUGEE YOUTH: This is a free screening from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Rainier Branch, 9125 Rainier Ave. S.

FREE WESTFIELD FAMILY FUN DAYS FOR TODDLERS AND NOW KIDS 6 AND UP. This event will feature stories with quirky humor about a duck who decides to learn to ride a bike. There will be so

much more the kiddos to do. 10 a.m. Westfield Shopping Center, 633 Southcenter.

Friday May 18

YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM FAMILY GAMES & ICE CREAM. Come and build family memories and enjoy an after dinner treat and topping bar! We will supply a variety of games or you can bring your family favorite. \$3 per person or \$10 per family. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Ravenna – Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave. NE

FUN FAMILY FLOAT. Join us for a Fun Family Float, a special evening of games, activities, prizes and fun for the whole family. Adults \$4.75 and \$3.25 for youth/seniors and special populations. 5 – 7:30 p.m. Mounger Pool, 2535 32nd Ave. W.

Saturday May 19

BALTIC RITES OF SPRING. Celebrate the Spring

season with traditional Baltic dancers and singers from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Microsoft Auditorium, Level 1.

MACY’S PRESENTS BRAZIL: A MAGICAL JOURNEY. Join Macy’s as they uncover the Magic of Brazil with a series of events at Macy’s stores across the Northwest. This is a free event. Enjoy informal modeling, Brazilian music, art and refreshments. Macy’s Bellevue Mall. All day event.

Friday May 25

41ST ANNUAL NORTHWEST FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. Northwest Folklife is happy to again offer a wide variety of activities for all ages at the 41st Annual NW Folklife Festival, happening this Memorial Day Weekend in Seattle Center. As always the festival charges no admission fee. Seattle Center (by the Space Needle.) All weekend event. 10 a.m.