Story of hope: People want, need this care

By John Burbank, from the Everett Herald

The numbers tell the story.

In just five days, 9,500 people completed their health care enrollments. Of these, 2,600 got immediate coverage. For the rest of the new enrollees, coverage kicks in on Jan. 1. One thousand have already made their payments - two and a half months in advance. It is a story of hope and promise for our state and our country ... that is, if you believe American citizens should have the right to affordable health care.

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CA puts the modern family in family leave law

California can celebrate being on the forefront of paid family leave legislation yet again. Will Washington legislators take note?

Before October 1st California employees could only take paid family leave for a seriously ill spouse, domestic partner, child or parent. Of course, the reality is that a modern 'family' often includes extended family members.

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Restaurant owner: "I reject the argument that livable wages and profits are mutually exclusive"

As calls for an increase in the federal minimum wage grow, cracks are showing in the opposition's facade.

In an op-ed for The Detroit News, Paul Saginaw, owner of Ann Arbor's Zingerman's Deli, takes the National Restaurant Association to task for their longstanding opposition to a livable wage.

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Inequality for All: Robert Reich launches national conversation on income inequality

By Maggie Humphreys

"As Winston Churchill said over and over again, Americans will always do the right thing... after they've exhausted all the alternatives." - Robert Reich

Robert Reich's groundbreaking new film Inequality for All examines America's shrinking middle class and the loss of widespread prosperity in the world's richest country. Here's a clip of Reich talking about his film with Jon Stewart on The Daily Show - and you can find local show times here.

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