

Jo Ann Bowman Opens Discussion on Institutional Racism

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Attendance at Progressive

Action Conference is free to

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Benjamin and Jello Biafra.

states Payne.

Former State Rep. Jo Ann Bowman will participate in the Progressive Action Conference, part of the People Have the Power Tour with Ralph Nader, facilitating a workshop on Institutional Racism at the Memorial Coliseum.

The event begins at 5 p.m. "Jo Ann is an extremely talented woman, very progressive. The institutional racism workshop is imperative in Portland, where some folks believe that racism doesn't exist," states Barbara Payne, Co-Chair for the Multnomah Chapter of the Pacific Green Party.

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"We would like to continue this effort every six or eight months. It is imperative to gather forces more than once a year,

Substance Abuse Awareness Day for Kids

Kids in the community can come together for a day long event on drug and alcohol prevention. On Saturday, Aug. 4, two different events are planned: the Teen Summit, for students from 8th grade to high school, 9 a.m. – noon at the Center for Self Enhancement, located at 3920 N. Kerby and the Community Party in the Park at Unthank Park that's open to all ages, from noon – 6 p.m. There will be free food, local entertainment, community information booths, speakers and other fun activities.

Pre-registration is required to attend the Teen Summit. For more information, call the information hotline at

Get to Know Thy Neighbor

Kerns Neighborhood Hosts the Annual National Night Out

The Kerns Neighborhoods Association will be hosting their annual "National Night Out" Picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Oregon Park (Corner of NE 30th and Oregon Street).

National Night Out is celebrated every first Tuesday in August, throughout Portland and the entire nation. It's a time for neighbors to come together—on front, porches, in streets or parks to get to know each other better and become more active in their communities as a way to help fight against crime.

The annual Kerns Neighborhoods picnic is probably the largest and most successful "National Night Out" event in Portland. It is a real tribute to the neighborhood's sprit. Last year, over 600 people attended.

This year's highlights include a delicious free dinner, with burgers from Burgerville, entertainment for the whole family including live blues music, display by dozens of area businesses and a fabulous raffle.

For more information, contact Mira Ames at 503-309-0071.

Free Immunizations and Lead Screenings Now Offered

This year, incoming 7th grade students need to meet new immunization requirements. Parents of these children must get them vaccinated for Hepatitis B, measles and chicken pox (only if required) before starting school. To help, the Multnomah County Health Department is currently offering free immunization and lead-screening clinics at ten sites through northeast and southeast Portland this month. For those uninsured, representatives will also be on hand to see if they're eligible for the Oregon Health Plan.

These clinics are made possible through partnerships with local businesses and community groups. For a listing of the sites, call 503-988-3816.

(To the Right) Tatiana Eldien of Northwest Medical Team (at left with white shirt) and Peggy Lou Hillman of the Multnomah County Health Department assist a parent (opposite side) with her child's health care needs.

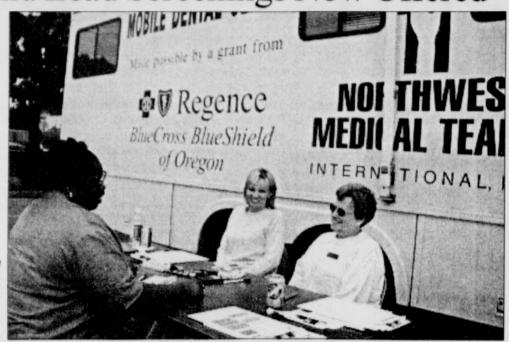


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