



First Lady Michelle Obama joins other first ladies from Colombia and Haiti on a tour of an herb garden Tarrytown, N.Y. Her campaign for healthier school lunches has stalled in Congress after protests on using food stamps to pay for it. (AP Photo)

## Child Nutrition Bill Stalled

First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign for healthier school lunches has stalled in Congress after anti-hunger groups and more than 100 Democrats protested the use of food stamp dollars to pay for it.

Passage of the child nutrition bill, which would improve lunches in schools and expand feeding programs for low-income students, has been a priority for Democrats and hunger groups for years. But the groups and many members of the House proposed a vote on a Senate-passed version of the legislation that uses future funding for food stamp programs to pay for part of the \$4.5 billion cost.

"It's just plain wrong," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., a longtime advocate for childhood nutrition programs. "The way you are going to pay for a child nutrition bill is by dipping into people's food stamps? Give me a break."

The first lady has lobbied aggressively for the legislation as part of her "Let's Move" campaign to combat childhood obesity.

But Democrats declined to take up the bill before the November elections, citing many of their members' concerns about the food stamp dollars. Supporters were working with the White House to find a new way to pay for it.

## Apology for 1940s STD Study

(AP) -- The U.S. government apologized to Guatemala Friday for a study 60 years ago in which American scientists deliberately infected prisoners in that country with syphilis.

The 1946 experiment was unearthed by a Wellesley College medical historian. It apparently was conducted to test the effectiveness of penicillin, which was relatively new then, in treating sexually transmitted diseases.

Secretary of State Hillary

Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said they were, in their words, "outraged that such reprehensible research could have occurred under the guise of public health."

Strict regulations today would prohibit such medical research. U.S. officials are beginning two investigations to uncover exactly what happened and make sure today's rules are adequate

## Celebrate Healing, Renewal

### Events to promote liberating beliefs

Community Healing Network and People Celebrating People invite the community to participate in a series of Community Healing Days.

The Oct. 15-17 events are designed for African Americans to take the time, as poet Maya Angelou has said, "to heal from the lies that have been told to us and the ones we've told ourselves."

The goal is to replace limiting beliefs with liberating beliefs through activities addressing healing of the mind, body and spirit.

"It is time for us as black people to come together and 'Love each other Up'. Let's celebrate each other!" said organizer Sheila Warren.

A forum on the mind takes place Friday, Oct. 15 with a book and movie discussion, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Reflections, 446 N.E. Killingsworth. Participants should be prepared to discuss Brainwashed by Tom Burrell, available at Talking Drum Bookstore (Reflections). The movie Lackawanna Blues will be screened with a panel and general discussion following.

The focus turns to the body on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 am. to noon at Urban Bridges, 1465 N.E. Prescott. The same day, activities and vendors relating to health will be available from 12:30

p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the St. Andrews Community Center, 806 N.E. Alberta. A \$5 donation will be requested, but no one will be turned away.

A forum on spirit will take place Sunday, Oct. 17, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Urban Bridges, 1465 N.E. Prescott. The topic of healing through spiritual words from spiritual leaders of all beliefs will be discussed with a social time afterwards.

People Celebrating People will also host a fund-raising dance Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St. Tickets are \$30 and include hors d'oeuvre. Everyone is welcome.

People wishing to register and RSVP for any of the events or the dance should visit [communityhealingdays.eventbrite.com](http://communityhealingdays.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 503-284-1481.

People Celebrating People was founded in 2006 by Sheila Warren, a wife, mother, grandmother, volunteer and activist in order to combat the negativity surrounding decisions to close and reconfigure schools.

The group brings together people from all walks of life, all ages, all colors, all beliefs, all neighborhoods and all careers to connect with each other. It encourages supportive relationships to create the community strength and unity needed to make positive changes in our community and our world.



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