



Minority Group Supports Francesconi

City Commissioner Jim Francesconi gets a big boost in his race for mayor with a \$25,000 donation from the Korean Society of Oregon. Pictured with Francesconi (center) are former Sen. John Lim (from left), Brian Chung of the Korean small business advisory committee, Charles Washington, publisher of The Portland Observer, Jack Chung, Northeast business owner and entrepreneur; and Dave Kim, member of the Korean Society board of directors.

Mentors School Mothers in Basics

Some mothers need extra help to learn the basics of parenting. "Back to basics" has critical meaning for a mother who had little opportunity to learn about good parenting in her own childhood because of addiction, domestic violence, poverty, homelessness or all of the above. Often, a mother in challenging circumstances can

use a personal guide to help her catch up on the basics of leading a family.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Parent Mentor Program assigns volunteer mentors as a resource to help mothers learn parenting attitudes and skills that they missed when they were growing up.

Now into its seventh year, the

program has provided parent mentors to about 191 women with responsibility for approximately 388 children. Mentors assist mothers in developing control over their own lives and the lives of their children through visits, walks, heart-to-heart talks and other activities.

For help and information, call Patti Clothier at 503-231-3571.

Ex-Police Chief Brings Tour to Portland

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The release caps nine months of controversy about whether Moose could even write the book. Montgomery's ethics panel ruled he couldn't profit from his job as police chief. He filed lawsuits to overturn the decision, but ended up quitting in June, concluding he couldn't keep his job and write the book.

Although prosecutors and defense attorneys for sniper suspects Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad have expressed con-

It's the story of how I went from being lionized for helping bring the snipers to justice to being vilified for writing a book about it.

—Former Portland and Montgomery County, Md. Police Chief Charles Moose

cern about Moose's book being released before their trials this fall, Moose believes his story won't sway potential jurors.

He writes he has mixed feelings about Malvo and Muhammad facing the death penalty. Both are black, a racial group that faces death sentences in disproportionate numbers, Moose writes.

"I don't think there was a lot of cheering in the black community that these guys were going to go on trial in a death penalty state," he said.

Black Dear Abby Comes to The Portland Observer

Tired of reading lame, watered down advice columns that don't embrace or apply to multicultural populations? Searching for an advice column not afraid to use black terminology, address African-American issues and is dedicated to being fearless and keeping it real?

Look no further because Ask Deanna! the minority advice column that celebrates and embraces the African-American experience is now part of The Portland Observer newspaper.

Deanna is a syndicated columnist and former on-air personality from Los Angeles. She enjoys giving advice on every subject under the sun and you can write to her at Ask Deanna! PO Box 88847, Los Angeles, CA 90009 or by e-mail at askdeanna1@yahoo.com.



Dear Deanna!

As a working mother, I use daycare for my kids. My children have told me the babysitter tells my son she's going to slap him when he sasses her. I talked with the babysitter and told her I don't appreciate her threatening my child. I can't afford another babysitter and I want to know what to do if she hits my son. --Daycare Drama; Newark, NJ

Dear Daycare:

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to tell you to find an affordable, but safer daycare. Until you get your children moved, teach your son some manners and document everything that doesn't seem right. If she assaults your son, let her know that you already warned her and there's going to be trouble. Then, do what you have to do, and report her to the authorities even if it means she loses her license, her business and her money.

Dear Deanna!

I have a friend with tart breath. I love her like a sister but I don't talk to her often because she doesn't realize the problem and no one will tell her. I get sick to my stomach when I talk to her. How can I address her breath without hurting her feelings? --Smelly Breath Friend; Phoenix, AZ

Dear Friend:

If mints, gum, mouthwash and a tongue scraper—all at the same time—doesn't work, your friend may have a chronic breath disorder. Be sympathetic but

straight up and let her know her breath stinks. Don't beat around the bush. She needs to run—not walk—to the nearest dental hygienist to get assistance with this problem. Until it's corrected, keep talking with her on the phone and double check yourself to make sure it's not your breath kicking like Van Damme.

Dear Deanna!

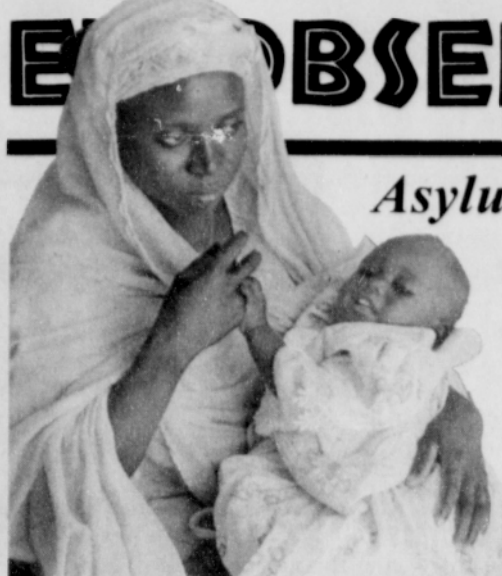
My husband had an affair and left me for an ex-prostitute. He said he left because I lost my excitement and sex appeal. I admit, I let myself go and I gained a little weight. He never judged his new woman with her past because he felt she changed for the better. Then he caught her in bed with another man and now he's begging to come back because he said he made a mistake. --Confused Spouse; Chicago, IL

Dear Confused:

The grass isn't greener on the other side. Your husband needed to water the grass he had with acceptance and fertilize it with love and he wouldn't have made this stupid mistake. Immediately get tested for HIV, and other STD's, and then head to professional marriage counseling. Oh yeah, the other woman. Think of her as a pet and your husband should be more convinced that you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

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Asylum for Nigerian Woman

(AP)—Brazilian officials said it was willing to grant asylum to a woman in Nigeria who was sentenced to death by stoning for having sex outside of marriage.

Amina Lawal is appealing the Islamic court sentence. If she is successful and eventually released she could take advantage of the asylum offer if she feels in danger remaining in Nigeria, said Vera Rota, a spokeswoman for the country's federal women's rights agency.

Rota said Brazil would grant Lawal and the child "safe haven" on humanitarian grounds.

An Islamic court in northern Nigeria convicted Lawal in March 2002 following the birth of her baby, more than two years after her divorce.

Judges ordered her buried up to her neck in sand and stoned. The alleged father of the baby denied responsibility and was acquitted.

MEXICO CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE

Thousands of people watch fireworks above the Presidential Palace during Independence Day celebrations in Mexico City Monday. President Vicente Fox kicked off the annual commemoration of Mexico's break with Spain. (AP photo)

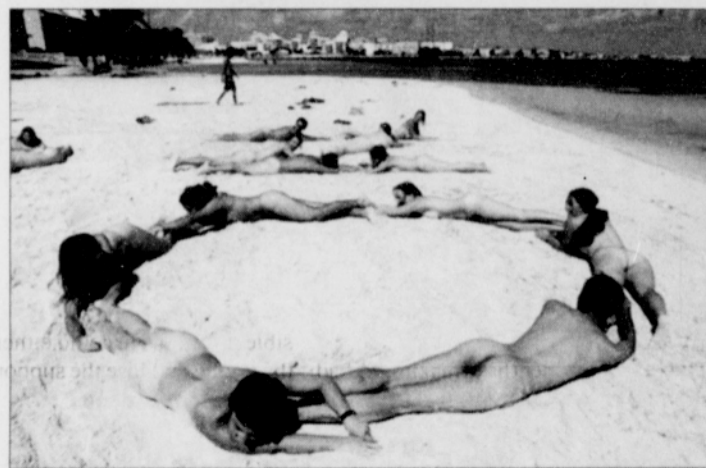


WTO Protesters Gather in Cancun

(AP)—Anti-globalization protesters stripped out of their clothes and spelled out the words "No WTO" with their naked bodies, the first of several actions against the World Trade Organization meeting in this Caribbean resort.

A mix of radical activists, farmers and labor rights promoters have planned a week of protests to show the harmful effects of free trade and growing corporate domination. Demonstrators say Cancun, whose miles of white-sand beaches are mostly hidden behind high-rise hotels, is a good example of increasing private control.

"This is a rejection of the WTO ... and the symbolic reclaiming of our beaches, using the only weapons we have left, our bodies," said a member of the Direct Action Network, the group that or-



Nude anti-globalization protesters lie down to spell "No A La OMC" (No To The WTO) during a protest against the WTO meeting in Cancun, Mexico. (AP Photo)

ganized the protest. He identified himself only as Abraham, and refused to give his last name because he feared reprisals.

A policeman scanned the protest through binoculars, but didn't try to stop it. Indecent exposure is banned on Cancun's beaches.

Artist Responds to US Bombings

(AP) — The whole idea of "Mexico Illuminated" was to bring together artists of Mexican descent to tout Hispanic heritage in Reading, Penn., and show how the United States is perceived by its neighbor to the south.

Artist Marcos Ramirez says people should have known better

than to expect simple paintings of deserts, cactuses and smiling field hands sporting sombreros.

Ramirez caused a stir when he chose to express his views on America with a billboard-sized piece depicting a green road sign with the distances from Reading to foreign cities the United States military has

bombed, including Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003 and Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2001.

"I wanted somehow to confront the people with history," said Ramirez, one of over 60 artists taking part in the show. "It's an expression of what could be a very widespread opinion outside of this country."

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