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# The Nature of Beauty

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far are first time customers who walk away praising Okamura for her phenomenal touch.

"I like to make things pretty. But there's also something about working one and one with women to make them feel better about themselves. There's too much competition between women," Okamura said.

Packages include massage of the face, hands, feet and back that polish and shine even the roughest, toughest spots. Make-up application, waxing, and even a special "chocolate bliss facial" are also available. Yum.

It doesn't just take a massage to make people satisfied, though.

"I have a theory that happy people are beautiful people. It doesn't matter what you look like. If you're happy with yourself, you're beautiful. It's making



Sherry Okamura

people happy. That should be everybody's job," Okamura said. Okamura encourages those who have never taken the time to fully pamper themselves to try it

at least once.

"Take a leap, be brave," she said. "Relaxation is so important to your health, if you don't do it at least four times a year, you're robbing yourself. You just have to lay there and relax. I give an awesome facial if I do say so myself."

For someone stumped on a creative gift to give someone, a package, which ranges anywhere from \$25 to \$195 proves to be one of the most appreciated and thoughtful ideas around. And being the generous lady she is, Okamura said that through the month of May, with the mention of this Portland Observer article, clients can purchase a Mother's Day special for 50 percent off.

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## Women Break Male Dominance

(AP) - A growing number of women are going into business, capitalizing on new opportunities in Afghanistan in a still male-dominated economy three years after the fall of the Islamist Taliban government.

A scattering of small textile and handicraft workshops, boutiques, beauty parlors and even a soccer ball factory - run by women and employing women - have sprung up around the capital. Afghanistan's first female business association - set up with foreign funding 18 months ago - says it has 500 members.

Barred from education and jobs during the five years of Taliban rule, women now have the right, at least on paper, to pursue careers of their choosing.

"There are barriers, and they will be lifted slowly," said Mina



Afghan women wear burqa, a covering no longer required by law.

Sherzoy, head of the government's Women's Entrepreneurship Development. "We are recovering from war and dev-

astation and Taliban repression. ... But there's nothing in Shariah (Islamic law) that says women can't do business."