



Brent Dixon of the Blazer Boys and Girls Club in northeast Portland gets a chance to discuss local education issues with Portland Mayor Tom Potter.

## Talking Schools with the Mayor

Blazer Boys and Girls Club members Brent Dixon and Cleo Josey recently met with Mayor Tom Potter and the Portland City Council to discuss issues important to their north and northeast Portland neighborhoods.

Dixon expressed concerns over the mergers of Whitaker and Tubman Middle Schools into Jefferson High School. The plan has been put on hold for more study.

During his time at the Blazers Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dixon has been a member of the basketball team and is applying to become an YNet reporter this summer, along with Adventures in Television, and the club's radio show.

Josey is the Blazers Club Youth of the Year for Education and Career Development. Her concerns before the local government officials were the academic



Cleo Josey

differences between public and private schools.

She said 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom work in private school is not taught in many public schools until the junior year in high school. Josey takes part in the club's City Council Kids program, the Touch Club, Poetry and Spoken Word Group, and is learning the French language.

To find out more about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland visit [www.bgcportland.org](http://www.bgcportland.org) or call 503-232-0077.

## Tough as Nails

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the salon is required to dispose of them.

If the nail salon worker uses the same implements on you that they did the last customer, leave. All businesses need to be held accountable for their illegal endeavors.

The toenail spacers that are used to prevent messy paint jobs are often used on more than one customer. Without proper sanitation between customers, this practice can lead to athlete's foot.

Acrylic nails that turn green due to fungus could be the result of dirty utensils or water entering the area in between the real and acrylic nail. The glue that is applied to bond the real to the acrylic nail may not be up to par.

Utensils that must be sanitized between uses are not allowed to be at the manicurist workstation because of the risk of them being used on another customer without being disinfected.

As with any place people are touching a customer's food or body parts, the worker needs to wash their hands. Would you continue to be a loyal customer of a restaurant or a patient in a doctor's office, if the utensils were dirty? Why should you be any less cautious with your nails?

According to state regulators, safety versus price is what a customer needs to consider out when



The files and emery boards used at local nail shops to make a "nice set" of nails must be discarded after use, according to the State Health Licensing Office, the agency that regulates the industry.

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evaluating competing nail shops. A very low price is often an indicator of poor quality.

The going rate locally for a fill-in is between \$12-15 and for a full-set is \$18-25. In that price range, each

nail tech uses about \$2 worth of disposable products. Some nail salons in downtown Portland charge \$25 for a fill and almost \$50 for a full set.

If you believe you may have

been injured as a result of a nail service, you have the right to file a written complaint with the Health Licensing Office. Complaint forms available at [www.hlo.state.or.us](http://www.hlo.state.or.us).



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Dear Deanna!

I'm in a relationship and I think my jealousy is going to ruin things. My girlfriend is attractive, friendly and outgoing. It drives me crazy when I see men misinterpret this as flirting and start trying to get with her. I have to control myself because I've made myself look like a fool several times by jumping on guys when there was no need. How do I deal with this? --Rob; Detroit

Dear Rob:

I knew a fatal attraction movie for a man would be made soon. Quit tripping. Unless this woman is your wife or wearing a diamond, you have no rights. The only thing you can do is share your feelings and work together to pinpoint her behavior that bothers you. You both have to be willing to work on this. If not, I'll see you on the big screen cooking a white rabbit.

Dear Deanna!

I have a neighbor who's an overgrown bully. She stinks and is big and nasty looking and always harasses the neighborhood kids. She sits on the porch and calls them names, curses them and threatens to beat them up and says she'll beat their parents too. I'm not scared of her, but I don't think the parents know this is going on. How do I get involved without causing too many problems? --Anonymous; Hickory, N.C.

Dear Anonymous:

Big Funky needs a beat down with soap and water. This woman has self-esteem problems and gets off by bullying kids because an adult would put her in check. You need to step up to the plate and stop being a chicken. Confront her yourself as you see this is happening and then go to the parents so they would know that you at least tried to do something. Trust me, as a group, you can shut her down.

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