

Dear Deanna!

During an appointment I asked a strange lady to hold my newborn baby while I filled out some forms at a counter. The next thing I know, I turned around and this woman who also had a small baby, was breastfeeding my child. I went crazy and jerked my baby from her and then started hitting the lady. The police came and now I have to go to court. I accept the punishment but was I wrong for hitting the woman?
--Anonymous; Brooklyn, NY

Dear Anonymous:

More than half the mothers in America would've slapped that woman silly. You had every reason



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to be upset because you don't know if that lady's breast milk had drugs, alcohol, medication or anything else in it. You have a good case as long as you remain calm, tell the truth and pray that the correct justice is served. However, in the future, you need to be more responsible and not give your baby to a stranger.

Dear Deanna!

I'm 21 years old and single with a personal problem. I have a foot and toe fetish. When I talk to women and this is revealed, I get pushed away. I can't lie about this because

women with pretty feet really turn me on. I would like to pamper a woman by polishing her toenails and blowing them dry. What should I do about my love life and fetish?
--Chris D.; Los Angeles, CA

Dear Chris:

Your fetish is innocent but we live in a society that would judge and cast you as a pervert. The most important thing with your toe fetish is the delivery. Exercise self control and only reveal your love of toes to a woman you're in a relationship with. If you can't stay in control, it's okay to ac-

knowledge pretty feet, but make it quick and keep it moving. Otherwise, you'll never get far because you'll be perceived as sick.

Dear Deanna!

I'm in a committed relationship with no children or financial concerns. However, I do want children. Do you think I should adopt or end the relationship because the lady I'm with doesn't plan on having kids?
--Damien; On-Line Reader

Dear Damien:

Regardless of where they come from, natural birth or adoption, both parties must agree on the children

issue. There's a difference between a woman not wanting to physically birth children versus not wanting any at all. Have a discussion with your mate and see if she's willing to adopt. If so, you're fine. If not, decide if you want to be with this woman or find one that'll fulfill your dream to hear the pitter patter of little feet.

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Countries of Africa

Algeria Home to 35 Million People

BY RON WEBER

In a close race for the largest country of Africa, Algeria is only a few square miles smaller than Sudan. Three times the size of Texas, the population rose by five million people between 1990 and 2000. Over the past three decades the country's population has doubled, with the average Algerian woman bearing 9 to 10 children.

Today at nearly 35 million people, Algeria is faced with many of the same problems of other African nations. Poverty and sickness top the list. As does out-of-control birth rates, the cruelty of AIDS and other diseases. Many people die in birth from food or waterborne diseases, bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A and

the country is made up of high plateaus and desert sands. Many areas are subject to severe earthquakes, mudslides and floods. The soil erosion, along with oil spills contaminates the Mediterranean Sea. Algeria's natural resources include petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, lead, and zinc. Algerians grow wheat, barley, oats, grapes, olives, citrus, fruits, and raise cattle.

Almost all Algerians are Arab-Berber (99 percent), with only one percent being European. Religiously, 99 percent of the country is Muslim. The other one percent is split between Jewish and Christian. One out of every four people in Algeria lives below the poverty line.

Unemployment is at a staggering 25.4 percent.

Like its neighbors, Morocco and Tunisia, Algeria has a considerable coastline on the Mediterranean Sea. This has been a great source of revenue for adjoining countries, but Algeria has been less successful with tourism due to pollution and also lack of ad-



typhoid fever.

Like many African nations, poverty, illness and a low gross national product forces Algeria to borrow money, leaving her so cash strapped that it is unable to improve the quality of life in areas such as health care reform and education.

Fortunately, the United Nations passed legislation recently that excused more Third World debt than ever before. Algeria and several African and South American nations were forgiven monies owed to the world's richest nations. The U.N. wants these poorer nations to be able to focus on better schooling and health care for their populations.

Algeria, along with many other African nations, sought its freedom from European domination during the mid-to-late 20th Century. After much fighting in the 1950s and early 1960s, Algeria achieved independence from France in 1962. Since that time, the French National Liberation Front has dominated the political scene. The Islamic Salvation Front has had some success in the early 1990s, but disbanded in 2000.

While the highest point in Algeria is only 3,000 miles high, most of

vertising.

Political and military leaders disagree on whether opening up their doors to European and American citizens is a security risk. Most Algerians feel it would be a great idea and small tourist businesses would flourish, thus increasing the tax base the government works from.

Many tourist agencies in the past have warned Americans that visiting Algeria was a "suicide trip," due to all the tribal and inner-tribal wars in this country. However, now that many European and American nations have forgiven African debts, economists feel it will not be long before business trade and tourism will begin to grow.

Over the past few years, a new Hilton Hotel and hotels owned by French entrepreneurs have been built just outside of the city of Algiers. Initially, they have been more like a secured compound than a four-star hotel, but that is beginning to change. Tourists the world over are beginning to look at Africa as a vacation hot spot, especially along the Mediterranean, as the northern part of the continent is only a short distance from the tourist havens in Europe.

School District Hires Jeff Grad

Nathan Mosley has been appointed to the position of contracts specialist for Portland Public Schools where he will negotiate agreements for services such as consulting, construction and academic coaching.

Mosley, a local African American leader and coach, previously held contracting positions with

Boeing, Oregon State University and the City of Portland.

He has over 12 years of experience in the purchasing and contracting field and is a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. A graduate of Jefferson High School and Concordia University, also serves as head baseball coach for LaSalle High.

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