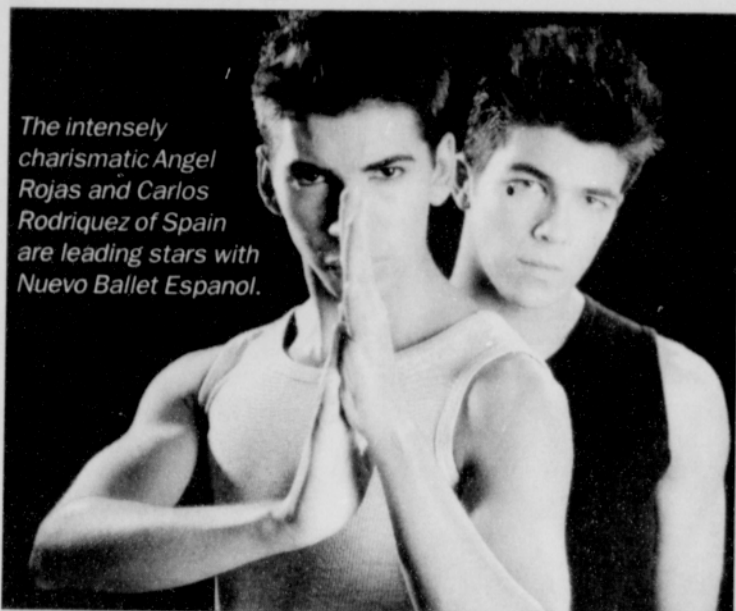


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Nuevo Ballet Espanol



The intensely charismatic Angel Rojas and Carlos Rodriguez of Spain are leading stars with Nuevo Ballet Espanol.



Spain's Nuevo Ballet Espanol displays both a unique flare of flamenco dance and traditional movement.

Dazzling flamenco dancers to perform

Nuevo Ballet Espanol, Spain's most critically acclaimed flamenco company will make its debut in Portland on Wednesday, Feb. 8

starting at 7:30 p.m. White Bird is proud to present the highly acclaimed production that has been hailed worldwide as successfully infusing traditional flamenco dance and music with contemporary movement.

The founders, choreographers and principal dancers of this remarkable ensemble of nine dancers and seven musicians are the intensely charismatic Angel Rojas and Carlos Rodriguez.

Spain, Madrid's leading newspaper El Pais says "Angel and Carlos dance with soul, and if it is virtuosity that we are talking about, we can class these two as new stars."

This breathtaking choreogra-

phy will take center stage at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets are \$18 to \$50 depending on the seating at Ticketmaster outlets, plus a service fee. There

will be a discount for college students/seniors and groups. For more information call 503-790-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Hispanics Fall Behind in Medical Care

Officials say they don't know why

(AP) — Hispanics are falling further behind whites in getting quality medical care, while other minority groups are closing the gap, according to a new report by the federal government.

The areas where Hispanics were slipping include treatment for diabetes, mental illness and tubercu-

losis. Officials also found growing gaps for Hispanics in getting regular dental visits for their children and speedy care for injury or illness.

Officials say they don't know why disparities in health care are growing for Hispanics but narrowing for blacks, Asians and American Indians.

"The fact that we know it exists prompts a lot of local communities to say, 'What's going on here?' and to figure out also why it matters," said Carolyn Clancy, director of the Agency for Healthcare Re-

search and Quality.

The government, using data mostly from 2002 and 2003, measured 40 types of disparities in the quality of health care between whites and minorities. Among blacks, 58 percent of those disparities were becoming smaller and 42 percent were becoming larger.

In contrast, among the disparities between whites and Hispanics, 41 percent were becoming smaller, while 59 percent were growing.

The government also measured access to health care. In all categories, disparities narrowed

for blacks, Asians and American Indians. But the gap worsened for Hispanics in five out of six categories, including access to health insurance.

Dr. Elena Rios, president and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, said two out of five Hispanics don't have insurance, and that group contains both legal and illegal immigrants.

Overall, the quality of health care for all Americans improved at a rate of 2.8 percent, the same rate of increase shown in last year's report.

Pinochet Stripped of Immunity



Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet (right).

(AP)—Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet has been stripped of immunity from prosecution in 59 cases of torture and kidnapping at a secret detention center where hundreds of dissidents were held — including President-elect Michelle Bachelet and her

mother. The president of the Santiago Court of Appeals said the justices voted 13-5 Friday to lift Pinochet's immunity, but the ruling must be upheld by the Supreme Court before the 90-year-old former strongman can be tried. Pinochet's

defense team said it will appeal. Bachelet and her mother, Angela Jeria, were arrested 15 months after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet and taken to Villa Grimaldi, where both were tortured. Their cases were not among the cases before the appeals court.

Dear Deanna!

My cousin married her husband two years ago at age 19. She has confessed to me that she's in love with her husband's best friend who has a girlfriend and is my boyfriend's cousin. These 3 guys have been friends since high school. I know this isn't my problem, but can you please give me some advice? --Michelle; Portland, Ore.

Dear Michelle:

First remind your friend that she has a husband. At such a young age, she hasn't sampled life, men or the world and it's not surprising she's ready to cheat. She's also very immature if she's going to risk her husband's friendship for her confused emotions. If it's not too late, suggest a good counselor that can help her decide if she wants to me married and move forward or save face and feelings now with an annulment.



Real People, Real Advice
An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I have a 10-year old daughter whose dad got married several months ago. I still love him and I'm sure he still loves me. He called twice on his wedding day to let me know he was thinking about me. He got married

but we're still together. He doesn't know if he wants to stay with his wife or leave. I told him if he stays then I may not be there. I also have a son that's 1 year old. I love him so much and don't want to lose him again. --Lost in Love; On-Line Reader

Dear Lost:

You lost him when he married another woman. That spoke volumes because kids or no kids, he didn't choose you. You've settled for less by allowing him to have the best of both worlds by being with him. You can get through the pain by focusing on your children, your faith and your life. If he loves you, demand that he leave and see what happens. If he doesn't come your way cut him off and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I'm in a 5-year relationship with a man who's not my cup of tea. I discovered he has some bad habits. He kept these things hidden to impress me but I asked him to leave

when I saw the real man. The police say as long as he pays bills and isn't physically abusive they can't make him leave my home. He's come a long way but I don't love him and honestly I never did. I've been up front and very honest with him. What can I do? --Desperate; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Desperate:

You can pack your bags and leave or pack his and put him out. If it's your house with your name on it, then you do as you please. However, your man may react and get violent. If that's the case, sell your house, move and start a new life. If he can't accept your honesty, lack of love and wishes, then you're entitled to handle your business.

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Benson Grad Joins Air Force

Aleshia R. Price, a 2005 graduate of Benson High School, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and re-

ceived physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Price is the daughter of Tamla Gaston of northeast Portland.



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