

Ask

Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice

An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My spouse is trying to force me to quit my stable job of 10 years. I've never had problems and the benefits are great. The issue is a new department secretary. I have no interest in this woman but my wife only sees her as a young, energetic woman climbing the ladder. I've done nothing to make my wife insecure and she's going crazy listening to office gossip. I'm not quitting my job and my wife still insists that I should. What do I do? --Paul R.; Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Paul:

If you've had the same job and same spouse with no issues, then something has been triggered with the arrival your new employee. If you've winked or wagged then you've given the office hens something to talk about. Office gossip is 99 percent gossip with a one percent smell of truth. Your wife has an insecurity issue that started before now and this is simply an excuse. You have a choice to fix your marriage, fix your job or fix yourself.

Dear Deanna!

My son is an active teen and I find myself at my wits end worrying about him fathering children, exposure to sickness and everything else. We argue

because I want to know if he's protecting himself and he laughs and says it's not his responsibility. How do I get my son to see that he has to protect himself and not rely on these women he's being with? --Katie; Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Katie:

You're doing the right thing by teaching your son to not rely on women for his intimate safety and protection. He needs to wake up and get wise before he blinks and has a house of babies and less than a year to love them. You can talk to your son until you're blue in the face but if it takes something to jump on him that he can't shake then so be it and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna:

I'm a teacher in the school system and I have a parent that threatened me because I gave her child a bag of clothes. It's obvious the child is being neglected and I didn't mean any harm. I'm tired of dealing with this parent and want to move the child from my class but I'm afraid that things will be worse. Am I personally getting too involved with this situation? --Ms. Stiles; Trenton, N.J.

Dear Ms. Stiles:

You're not getting too involved because you're possibly saving a child's life. You should continue to do what you feel is right especially if it's helping this child. However you need to avoid overstepping your boundaries. Utilize the appropriate authorities in your school network to ensure the child's safety, continued education as well as resources and tools to help the mother get her act together.

Ask Deanna is written by Deanna M. Write Ask Deanna! Email: askdeanna1@yahoo.com or 264 S. LaCienega Blvd. Suite 1283 Beverly Hills, CA 90211, Website: www.askdeanna.com

Soldier Killed in Iraq Mourned

Local service honors officer

(AP) — More than a month after he died in Iraq, Navy Petty Officer Marcques Nettles was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery.

Nettles, 22, formerly of Beaverton, was remembered Sunday by more than 200 family, friends and other well-wishers, including Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

Nettles was killed April 2 near al-Asad, Iraq, when the truck in which he was riding overturned during a flash flood. He had just been deployed to Iraq in February.

"I don't know why Marcques' time is now," his wife, Christina

Mullen-Nettles said during the memorial service at New Beginnings Christian Center in Portland.

"And I don't know if I ever will," she added. "I know there is a reason, because Marcques is special."

Nettles joined the Navy on Sept. 11, 2002, and studied nursing on his way to becoming a hospital corpsman.

Nettles was born in Tacoma. He finished elementary school and started middle school in Kennewick, Wash. He moved with his family to Beaverton, where he finished middle school and graduated from Westview High School.

Curtis Jr., the oldest of



Marcques Nettles

Marcques' siblings, said they were like best friends, especially while playing high school

football.

"I found no greater joy than playing next to my brother on the field," he said. "I got to see Marcques, as an underclassman, bust a few skulls. I was really proud of him. That was the best time for him and I. Then came graduation. I went into the Navy and, true to form, my heart and soul, Marcques came in right after me."

Christina, too, said Marcques brought out the best in her.

"I'd like to thank Marcques for every laugh and every tear; for too many fishing trips ... lizards ... for getting up to make coffee for me even though he didn't drink it."

New School Will be Named Rosa Parks

Renovated parks center also coming

The new school under construction in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland will be named Rosa Parks Elementary.

The Portland School Board voted 6-0 Monday to name the

building in honor of the civil rights leader.

Parks inspired the Alabama bus boycott and sparked the modern civil rights movement when she refused to give up her seat to a white man 50 years ago. She died last year.

Rosa Parks Elementary will replace the aging Ball Elementary along side a new 82-acre mixed-income housing development that replaced former World War II housing called

Columbia Villa.

Plans are also underway for a renovated University Park Community Center and Boys and Girls Club next door to the new school. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Portland Parks and Recreation facility was held Tuesday.

"We have waited a long time for this moment, and the neighborhood is very excited," said Scott Jensen, former Portsmouth Neighborhood Association

chair.

The new and renovated community center will house a two-court gymnasium, fitness room, aerobics and dance room, locker rooms, teen lounge and outdoor patio area. Fundraising is still under way for the Boys and Girls Club.

By the end of 2006, the New Columbia development will bring an estimated 1,000 new children and their families to the Portsmouth neighborhood.

Domestic Violence Response: Too Little Too Late

continued from Front

the family services office.

Unsurprisingly, Schwartz said his unit could use twice or three times that number, but more added support doesn't always guarantee a victim's safety.

If we'd been aware, we'd have sent an advocate and officer out, and in all likelihood she'd got a shelter," Schwartz said. "But they're only temporary, we can't put someone up forever."

Despite the lack of resources and despondent statistics, a new

state law was passed last year, creating the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. The committee, now being formed, will review domestic violence-related deaths twice a year to improve victim support.

"Claudia Rhone's case might

be a good one to look at," Schwartz said. "How did this all evolve and where could we have intervened?"

Funeral services for Rhone will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Ross Hollywood Chapel, 4733 N.E. Thompson St.



Protection Sized To Fit

One thing you want your family to always feel is protected. We understand. At American Family Insurance, we feel that way about our family of customers, too. That's why our agents are so knowledgeable and eager to try to help you select an auto policy that fits in perfectly with your family's needs. No feeling compares to the confidence of knowing family's got your back, no matter what comes down the road. Visit us at www.amfam.com or call today and talk to a helpful, friendly agent about the variety of auto coverage options we have to offer.

American Family Mutual Insurance Company and its Subsidiaries
 American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin
 Home Office - Madison, WI 53783
 American Family Mutual Insurance Company
 American Standard Insurance Company of Ohio
 Home Office - Columbus, OH 43240
www.amfam.com
 ©2005 001631 - 7/05



EXPLORE your outdoor and indoor employment opportunities with us! Play an active role in the management of these natural resources.



BLM

Bureau of Land Management
 Equal Opportunity Employer

Jobs are posted on: www.blm.gov/careers