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## **College Promotes Campus Diversity**

Washington State University Vancouver has appointed Bola Majekobaje as assistant director for Student Diversity. She will be responsible for recruiting and retaining a diverse student population, spanning race, age, socio-economics and sexual orientation.

A Portland native, she most recently served Central Washington University as an admissions counselor with particular responsibility for outreach to lowincome students and students of color. She also served as staff advisor to the college's black student union.

Her prior experience includes her work as a diversity affairs coordinator at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where she graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree Bola Majekobaje



Majekobaje said she is looking forward to working close to home, but also "staying a part of the really amazing things that are happening in Washington education."

At WSU Vancouver, she wants to encourage students to spread the word about the university's programs to their family members.

"There's no substitute for stories of personal experience," she said. "It's very powerful."

WSU Vancouver offers 14 bachelor's and 9 master's degrees in more than 35 fields of study. The campus is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of Vancouver's 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205.

For more information, visit http:/ /www.vancouver.wsu.edu.

## Watch Out for Returning Kids

### Traffic dangers with start of school

As a new school year begins, students will be joining the rush, on foot, by bus and in cars - especially the morning rush hour. It's important for motorists, parents and children to dust off their back-to-school traffic safety routines.

watch out for the safety of children on foot and bicycle, to slow down to 20 mph in school zones and to should, choose less busy streets to yield to crossing guards - as well as walk or bike to school. Cross the pedestrians of any age crossing street only at crosswalks, not be-

Driving just 5 mph over the 20 mph speed limit increases the risk of hitting a child and increases the severity of the injury when a child is struck by a vehicle.

pedestrians crossing the street. You should never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk. It may be waiting for a pedestrian to cross.

Under Oregon law, a crosswalk exists at any intersection, even if Motorists in particular need to unmarked, unless signs indicate drivers. that the crosswalk is closed.

Parents and children, if possible

tween intersections, and never run into the street from between parked cars or other obstacles that block drivers' view. Look left, right, left and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street and con-Drivers are required to yield to tinue to check each direction as you cross.

> Pedestrians should also make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you. The wearing of light-colored clothing or reflectors on backpacks improve visibility to

If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Use the far right of the roadway or a bike lane if available.

### Back to **School Tips**

Early to bed, early to rise

Staying up late and sleeping in are summertime rituals for most kids. But summer sleep habits can leave children sleep deprived and unfocused start of school. at the start of the school year.

mend that most school-age children get at least nine hours of sleep time and sufficient sleep time.

per night. Parents should consider establishing school-year bedtime routines two weeks prior to the

Creating a bedtime routine and Providence sleep experts recom- encouraging quiet time and relaxing activities will allow for down-

# **Man Missing From Dawson Park**



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77-year-old Chester "Ray" Barber, was last seen by his family on Aug. 14 at Dawson Park, N. Stanton and Williams Ave, where he was playing dominos with friends.

Barber's son, Steven Harris, left his father at the park, but



found no trace of him when he Chester "Ray" Barber at 503-287-8986.

arrived later to pick him up.

Barber is African American, 5'4" and weighs 135 pounds. He has long hair and a beard. Anyone with information is asked to contact Harris at 503-284-3888, or Barber's ex-wife, Judy Harris,

### **Dear Deanna!**

My mother is driving me crazy because she forgets that she's over 40 trying to dress like she's 20 years old. I get tired of telling her how bad she looks but the more I tell her, the worse it gets. My boyfriend laughs and thinks it's cute but it's not. How do I respectfully tell my mother she needs to get her act together? I'm afraid she's going to get embarrassed really bad in public. --Anonymous; Milwaukee, WI

### **Dear Anonymous:**

If your mother chooses to look a hot mess, then you should mind your business and let her take the risk of personal humiliation. It's not easy because it's your mom and if she's comfortable and has high self-esteem then so be it. However, if you truly insist on helping her, whip out your credit card and take her on a shopping spree. If you're not willing to do this, button your lips and keep it moving.

### **Dear Deanna!**

My daughter is causing a split between her father and me. She's taking the daddy's girl relationship a bit too far. Initially we all went along with it until my daughter realized her power. She has become demanding, forcing my husband to take her side over mine and it's affecting our marriage. My husband eats it up but he can't see that my daughter is causing problems. He says I'm jealous and it'll be over shortly. How do I handle this? -- Patsy K; Charlotte, NC

**Dear Patsy:** Your daughter doesn't pay any bills and with that in mind, she doesn't run anything. You need to put your foot down and make your husband stop playing kiddie games with your child. He needs to place the word no in his vocabulary and realize he has a wife who is the primary decision maker with equal weight and power. True, you may be jealous but you're certainly right to close this issue before your husband finds himself single with an empty



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### Dear Deanna!

I'm a single parent at the end of my rope with my teen kids. I feel as if they've taken me hostage and I'm a slave meeting their demands. I go to work and come home to a dirty house and they are always asking for money, clothes and fast food. When I try to discipline one child, the others take sides and gang up on me. I've asked family to help, looked into counseling and my pastor. I feel as if I'm a bad parent with these wild kids. What do I do? -- Naomi; Birmingham, AL

### Dear Naomi:

If your children are behaving as if they have no sense, you need to put them out. If there's no father in the house you can solve that by getting your brothers, uncles and male cousins involved. You need to map out a plan, implement some rules and discipline. If they don't go along with what you say too bad because you're the parent and the breadwinner. Give them the option to obey or pack their stuff and get out if they want to play by their own rules.

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