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Real Advice*

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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 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 toe nails 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 acknowledge 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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Crenshaw High loses accreditation

By Betty Pleasant
Special to Sentinel-Voice
LOS ANGELES (NNPA) - Crenshaw High School — the school in the Los Angeles Unified School District with the greatest number of African-American students — has lost its accreditation and officials are scrambling to determine what effect such a loss will have on the value of the school's diplomas.

The Accrediting Commission for Schools of the Western Association of Schools

Education

(Continued from Page 3) with families and communities by establishing community schools that address out-of-school needs, promoting home visits by school offices and support for struggling families, encouraging greater parental involvement in their children's education.

The report recommends investments of \$325 billion of federal money over 10 years, with the largest budget, \$8.7 billion, to go towards pre-school and early education for low-income 3- and 4-year-olds and full-day kindergarten for all children. The second largest budget under the recommendations would be \$8.4 billion to increase financial aid for low-income students and establish other programs to help low income high school students go to college.

Currently, education is 3 percent of the federal budget. The recommendation in the report raises that by only 1.5 percent, but the increase would suffice to implement the proposed changes, the report states.

The Bush administration has shown that the price ticket for quality education is affordable, states the report, given the administration's budget priorities.

"When the current administration's tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent are fully phased in, we will face an estimated \$83 billion annually in lost revenue by 2010. If the estate tax is repealed, as the administration has proposed, we are projected to lose about \$67 billion per year by 2014, about the current level of federal education spending," the report states.

"Compared to these discretionary expenses, our proposal to initially spend an additional \$39 billion annually at full implementation in 2010, which amounts to \$584 annually per student, seems

and Colleges denied accreditation for the school based on the reports of two evaluation visits to the school by accrediting teams within a two-year period.

Last week, LAUSD officials received a letter dated July 21 and addressed to Crenshaw's recently-retired principal, Isaac Hammond, stating the Burlingame-based organization had denied accreditation to Crenshaw because it "had great concerns regarding student achieve-

ment and the implementation of a curricular and instructional program aligned with the California academic standards."

The commission also expressed concern about Crenshaw's "capacity to address other critical areas for follow-up through a single schoolwide action plan that has integrated all initiatives."

Sharon Curry, Local District 3 superintendent with oversight over Crenshaw, took a pounding from the

community and Councilman Bernard Parks when she transferred four of Crenshaw's five top administrators out of the school this summer.

"We've been very aware of the deficiencies at the school and its potential accreditation challenges," Curry said. "That is the reason for the administrators' removal. Leaders are key to a school, and we felt that the leadership was not strong (See Crenshaw, Page 15)

like very little to ask in exchange for our nation's future." Although the report is heavy on governmental recommendations, it doesn't absolve other segments of the community.

Parents must take an interest and active role in their children's education, teachers must continually learn and evolve to keep up with student needs, students must realize that education is a personal responsibility and rise to the occasion by working hard, taking full advantage of it and viewing it as a lifelong process, and the

community must honor and respect teachers and establish business and social partnerships to cultivate and support learning, the report states.

"The fundamental improvement we seek will not be the product of sporadic and fragmented responses from an apprehensive few," the report states. "If we truly believe that education is critical for our nation's continued success, then all of our citizens have important and sustained roles to play in nurturing a nation of learners."

The educational task in the U.S. is one that is daunt-

ing, the report indicates. Even if its recommendations are implemented, establishing quality education for all children will still be a challenge, the report states:

"As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, 'there is no easy way to create a world... where all children receive as much education as their minds can absorb. But if such a world can be created in our lifetime, it will be done in the United States... by people of good will.' We must, once again, summon the resolve to remake our world; our future depends on it."

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