

## Pakistani filmmaker documents female inequality, makes history



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Two weeks ago, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy was another documentary filmmaker.

Today, she is an inspiration for Pakistan.

Obaid-Chinoy won an Oscar for her documentary film, *Saving Face*, a tragic tale about acid attacks on women in Pakistan.

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The film follows London-based Pakistani surgeon, Dr. Mohammad Jawad, as he performs reconstructive surgery on survivors of acid violence.

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*Saving Face* interjects the subject of the under-reporting of acid

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## Sweet initiative to fight child labor in Africa



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I took a bite out of a story about chocolate labor and got more than a mouthful of controversy.

After the column I wrote last month, I heard from the Hershey Company, one of the biggest in the chocolate business.

Now the Hershey Company was less than pleased with the association of their company with the abuse of children of the harvesting of chocolate in West Africa, a problem well reported by BBC, CNN and other media outlets.

Hershey is sensitive to the accusations that their company is in part responsible for the practice of child labor.

But, the biggest U.S. chocolatier wants the readers of this newspaper to understand that it takes the issue very seriously and is partnering with others in the industry and with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in an effort to do what's right.

In a phone interview, Jeff Beckman, director of corporate communications and Andy McCormick, vice president of public affairs, wanted to make clear that Hershey's effort to invest \$10 million in Ghana and Ivory Coast is becoming a main initiative to combat child labor and help farming conditions.

Within the last year, Hershey became the first private company to bring high technology to the Ghana government called CocoaLink.

CocoaLink provides farmers with cell phones in which every week, a 140 character text will be sent to cocoa farmers on ways to improve their crop, farm safety, crop disease prevention and social conditions.

Hershey has also planned to create more demonstration farms across Ghana in a program called Hershey Learn To Grow.

Twelve hundred farmers and 6,000 families will be able to use learning labs during school and at night that is based around Ghana's curriculum.

Later this year, Hershey will also commit to purchasing Rainforest Alliance Certified cocoa for Hershey Bliss products.

Hershey Bliss products will be available in 35,000 outlets worldwide.

UNICEF estimates 600,000 children work

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## Radio personality needs lesson in contraceptives



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Everyone may deserve a second chance, but does Rush Limbaugh deserve a third, better yet a fifth, sixth or 10th for his degrading and demeaning comments recently?

Conservative talk-show host Limbaugh landed himself in yet another vat of hot water after calling Sandra Fluke, a Georgetown law student, a "slut" and a "prostitute," as well suggesting that she post videos of herself having sex online.

Apology accepted? I think not. Limbaugh likes to make clear he is just following his First Amendment rights and that he is here to humor and entertain you.

But the plug he uses to ensue his vile speech against women, which isn't new, needs to be pulled.

Yes, Limbaugh may be repugnant, ignorant and cruel. But in truth, he is purely an entertainer, not a politician.

Limbaugh doesn't need your vote, and he probably doesn't care.

But there is a deeper issue to this argument - whether or not insurance should cover birth control.

Limbaugh's solution for everyone having sex is cover your own birth control or get your partner to pay for it. Better yet, keep your legs closed



and forget about having sex.

Because as the wise Coach Carr from Mean Girls said, "Don't have sex, because you will get pregnant and die."

Limbaugh not only called out Fluke by questioning if she'd ever heard of abstinence, but also suggested she may want to back off from the amount of sex she appar-

ently is having. In regards to birth control, Limbaugh mentioned that he would buy all the women at Georgetown University as much "aspirin to put between their knees as they want."

Obviously, Limbaugh is confused by what birth control actually is. Nor does he really know Fluke's sexual

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