

FEATURE: International
Peru Campaign Quiet on Reproductive Issues
By Jen Ross - WeNews correspondent

In Peru, which has one of the highest illegal abortion rates in Latin America, the sole female presidential candidate is out of the race and women's groups say sexual and reproductive rights have been missing from the campaign season.

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FEATURE: Safety
In Rio Rush Hour, Women Relax in Single-Sex Trains
By Anna Sussman - WeNews correspondent

In Rio de Janeiro, women traveling on rush-hour trains can find a haven from sexual harassment in single-sex cars, a result of a law enacted last month. Even critics of the law acknowledge the mood in the "pink cars" is relaxed and cheerful.

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OPINION: Commentary
Female Pundits Could Use Help With Hate Mail
By Heidi Schnakenberg - WeNews commentator

When Heidi Schnakenberg took up opinion writing she had no idea that she would come under such savage personal attack. Female pundits, she says, take special flak and can be driven into retreat if they don't have enough moral support.

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Abortion Adds to Colombia's Election Turmoil
By Nicole Karsin - WeNews correspondent

Colombia's President Uribe is the strong frontrunner in the May 28 election. But challenger Carlos Gaviria, a supporter of abortion rights, is gaining ground and could force a runoff.

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Palestinian, Israeli Women Push Bilateral Talks
By Allison Stevens - Washington Bureau Chief

As U.S. and Israel discuss the possibility of unilateral action by Israel in the Occupied Territories, women representing both sides of the conflict are calling for engagement with Palestine and more women in the peace talks.

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COVER STORY: Culture

'Da Vinci Code' Lifts Lid on Goddess Scholarship
By Kara Alaimo - WeNews correspondent

Dan Brown's "Da Vinci Code," which opened as a movie on May 19, is just the latest challenge to women's lowly status in religion. The female place in sacred history, according to a group of researchers, goes beyond wife, mother and follower.

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Cheers and Jeers of the Week

Working Is Good for Moms; U.S. Teens Outpace Peers
By Elizabeth Dwoskin - WeNews correspondent

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Our Daily Lives

Boat Ride Reveals Undertow of Thai Sex Trade
By Molly M. Ginty - WeNews correspondent

Molly Ginty spent a day interviewing a local prostitute and her American client while boating off the coast of Thailand, a nation where as many as 2.8 million sex workers serve the tourist trade. She found the scales of their partnership off balance.

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Journalist of the Month

Nazario Champions Stories of Children's Plight
By Sandra Kobrin - WeNews correspondent

Thousands of children in search of their migrant mothers embark on a dangerous journey to reach the United States each year. One journalist, Sonia Nazario, joined them and told the world the story of "Enrique's Journey."

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