



THE EQUALITY STANDARD April 2011

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That 50% of leaders are women

Our Mission

To transform the culture within which we live to one that **naturally** includes women on an equal basis in the selection of leaders

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IN THE NEWS

🌀 **Title IX complaint filed against Yale University** for failure to address incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault. The main complaint was an October 2010 incident in which members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity chanted, "No means yes! Yes means anal!" on campus without adequate repercussions. *Source: The Daily Beast*

🌀 **Women will not be allowed to vote in Saudi Arabia** in the long-delayed municipal elections in September, the election commission said Monday. Saudi Arabia announced last week that it would hold the elections, in the first political concession to antigovernment protests.

“There is nothing to stop the participation of the woman but this needs some preparations and we cannot make these preparations in all regions of the kingdom,” the commission said in a statement.

Source: New York Times sent by Jon Charles UNA Board Member

✿ **Equal Pay Day.** April 12, 2011 has been designated as "Equal Pay Day" – it's the day that symbolizes the extra amount of time a woman must work – from January 1, 2010 to April 12, 2011 – for her wages to equal what a man could earn in the 2010 calendar year alone.



SAVE THE DATE

Next month we honor and remember our mothers on Mother's Day;

On Sunday May 22nd

From Noon – 5:00 p.m.

It is time to Honor YOU:

LOVE YOURSELF ... A Women's Day Out

**Presentations – Prizes – Entertainment –
Vendors – Refreshments**

An afternoon for *YOU!*

Sproul Barn
12239 Sproul St
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**Highlights from
3rd Annual Women of the World Awards**

Pictures of the Honorees and the event: [Click here to see the photos](#)

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**SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS ...
and A 5050Leadership Board member**

5050Leadership Board Member Ellen Snortland writes that she has been “invited to take “Now That She’s Gone” to the International Fringe Festival in Edinburgh... but it’s a very expensive proposition. To do so, we need to raise \$25,000 by April 25th... we're in need of your help in making this possible.

So here’s the challenge: if you’ll click on the link below, you can pledge your good faith support. But here’s the kicker: when you pledge, you don’t pay unless or until we raise enough pledges to cover the entire \$25,000. If you only have \$5.00, that’s OK!!! Here’s the link, if you don’t need to read any further: <http://tinyurl.com/ellensnortland>

That means we need a LOT of you to help us with your pledges; it’s all or nothing. If we don’t reach the \$25,000 goal, then your pledge is cancelled. Every dollar helps! The more people, the more small pledges will count, big time — the more, the merrier!

To help you be as excited as we are, depending on the level of your pledge you will receive a reward when we reach the \$25,000 goal. (If you are in Southern California, please note that one of the rewards is a performance of the show on Sunday, April 10, 3 p.m. at the Norwegian Church in San Pedro, California. See below for details.)

At least go to the SITE LISTED BELOW and see if we can entice you with one of the rewards! Don’t be intimidated. Just follow the directions on the Kickstarter site. It’s really easy!

This link can help our dream come true...

Kickstarter pledge drive: <http://tinyurl.com/ellensnortland>

Thank you in advance for your support. Please remember we not only need your individual pledges, but we also ask you to spread the word on the show's behalf. This is a fantastic opportunity for us and for funny and heart-warming baby-boomer theater. We so hope you can help out.

Warm regards,
Ellen Snortland

Kickstarter pledge drive: <http://tinyurl.com/ellensnortland>

For "Now That She's Gone" at the Edinburgh Theater Festival in 2011!

With the kind generosity of the Norwegian Seamen's Church

Now That She's Gone

Written & Performed By Ellen Snortland

"With a name like Snortland, she'd better be good."

One Performance "Concert Version"

Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.

The Norwegian Seamen's Church

1035 S. Beacon St.

San Pedro, CA 90731

In lieu of admission, please pledge whatever is appropriate for you by clicking on:

[Pledge Here](#)

This is a PLEDGE DRIVE If you don't understand this process, we'll explain it in the lobby before and after the performance. Donations for the Norwegian Seamen's Church also welcome!

Now That She's Gone is a play that explores Ellen Snortland's often hilarious, irreverent and sometimes torturous relationship

with her Norwegian-American mother. Now 'That She's Gone' has been described as a Lily Tomlin / Garrison Keillor hybrid... passionate, poignant and funny in turns. A memoir piece with Eleanor Roosevelt, sex, drugs and lutefisk, the play and performance has received rave reviews and standing ovations in California, New York, and Washington, D.C. Not just for women, there's even a chase scene!

For more information about Ms. Snortland, please visit:
<http://www.snortland.com>



WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

[Click Here](#)

Thanks to Joyce Morrissey, Feminist, Financial Consultant for reminding us about this service.

Following Your Dream and Your Passion.

Leigh Adams is a businesswoman, a teacher, an innovator and an artist. Artist in Residence at the Los Angeles Arboretum was not a title or a position until Leigh came along and created it out of passion for the land, for children, and for mosaic art.

[Read Article](#) written by Emily Green about the Dream Snake she created along with children from the area and visit Leigh's website at www.laglassart.com

🌀 Following the letter from Sophia last month on her bad experience with a SCORE counselor, we received the following letter from Gail Lara who now has a thriving program:

“Please pass along my kudos to Sophia for sharing her story about the experience with SCORE. They definitely need more women counselors. I too had a negative experience from a retired executive with an inflated ego. If I would of listened to his negative advice I would never have started my business and watched it grow into the support program it is today.” Gail Lara, Founder and CEO of Made In The Valley



DID YOU KNOW...

🌀 **Los Angeles Female Playwrights Initiative (LA FPI)**

conducted a study to identify the percentage of work on stages in the Greater Los Angeles area that are written by women.

The study is complete and the number is: 20%, slightly above the widely accepted national average of 17%.

Interestingly though, the most recent Broadway League Study, commenting on 2009/2010 audiences notes that 69% of those making the purchasing decision were female 66% of the audiences were female.”

The New York Times’ coverage of the 2009 Sands study, Broadway plays and musicals by women on Broadway are 18% more profitable than plays by men.

[Read More](#)

Thanks to Ella Martin, head of the LAFPI study, for giving us this information

We also heard from 5050Leadership Board member, Ellen Snortland with similar information about the theater and movie industries in the U.S.:

The Problem: women in the U.S are under-represented and often misrepresented in the entertainment industry — an industry that creates and defines our culture and has global influence.

- Only 17% of theater productions in the US are written by women
- Only 16% of theater productions in the US are directed by women
- Only 15% of all directors, executive producers, producers, writers, cinematographers, and editors working in the US film industry are women

- Only 20% of studio executives working in the US film industry are women*

Equal opportunity still does not exist for women in the entertainment industry. Additionally, the representation of women and girls in the media is often degrading, based on stereotype, and sets up impossible expectations women and girls must live up to. If we continue to accept that this business, which defines our culture, does not represent women equally or accurately, then we are supporting a business that does not value women as equal citizens.

Sources: Martha Lauzen, PhD., San Diego State University (2006), New York State Council for the Arts (2001), Suzanne Bennett, co-author of the 2001 NYSCA study (2005)

🔗 **One in four children goes without breakfast each morning,**

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Kellogg recently announced its new project called Share Your Breakfast, part of a national advertising campaign. The project asks Americans to upload their breakfast photos to the Web site shareyourbreakfast.com, and for each breakfast photo shared, Kellogg Company will donate a school breakfast to a child in need -- up to \$200,000 worth of (or one million) breakfasts.

Feeding hungry children sure sounds nice, but filling hungry bellies with highly-processed junk foods is hardly the answer. Let's take a look at some of the products Kellogg is promoting as part of this endeavor. Frosted Flakes -- one of the products represented by Tony the Tiger at a National Breakfast Day event in New York last Tuesday -- contains 11 grams of sugar per three-fourths cup serving. After the first ingredient of milled corn, the next three read: Sugar, malt flavoring, and high-fructose-corn-syrup -- three forms of sugar by different names.

Nutri-Grain bars -- a product promoted as healthy -- contain more than 30 ingredients (minus the synthetic vitamins) and include high-fructose-corn syrup, artificial flavors, red #40, TBHQ, and host of other chemicals. Meanwhile, the front of the package reads: "More of the whole grains your body needs," "Good source of fiber," and "Made with real fruit." The only "real fruit" I could find is "strawberry puree concentrate" and it's listed after high-fructose-corn syrup and corn syrup. Each bar contains 11 grams of sugar and 3 grams of fiber.

Even Corn Flakes contain sugar, malt flavoring, and high-fructose-corn-syrup, listed as its second, third, and fourth ingredients. Kellogg is also offering promotions on Rice Krispies, Mini-Wheats, and Eggo Waffles -- the waffles contain partially-hydrogenated oils in addition to high-fructose-corn syrup.

One of the most recent studies, reported in *TIME* Magazine last year, found that consuming added sugars raises the risk for heart disease by raising cholesterol and triglycerides. The American Heart Association's (AHA) Web site states, "High intake of added sugars is implicated in numerous poor health conditions, including obesity, high blood pressure and other risk factors for heart disease and stroke." The AHA is so concerned about the amount of added sugars in the American diet that in 2009 it established upper limits for adults (none exist yet for children, oddly enough). The AHA says that women should get no more than six teaspoons a day and men no more than nine.

Most of the Kellogg's products I researched contained an average of 11 grams of sugar per serving, which is close to three teaspoons of sugar. If we assume that the average child weighs about half what the average woman weighs, then three teaspoons is the upper limit of how much a child should safely consume in one day, according to the AHA. That means the child couldn't eat any other added sugars for the rest of the day (not likely) and that he or she could only eat the single three-fourths cup serving (also, not likely). The AHA says the average American eats an alarming 22 teaspoons of added sugar a day.

Meanwhile, the company is painting a rather rosy picture as to its motivations. "We find there's a lot of people who don't have access to breakfast," Doug VanDeVelde, Senior Vice President for marketing and innovation at Kellogg told the *Times*. "We just felt like as the breakfast leader, we should do something about that."

He's right, Kellogg and every other food industry giant certainly should do something about the hunger problem, but they shouldn't be filling already undernourished children with food products that are nutritionally void at best.

How about providing funds to feed kids real food for breakfast? Eggs, plain yogurt with fresh fruit, oatmeal, a fresh fruit smoothie with yogurt, milk, or nut milk, a slice of real, whole-grain bread with almond or peanut butter (skip the Skippy!). All of these breakfasts can be made in five to 10 minutes without the added sugar or hype.

Or better yet, why not apply some of that creative talent along with that large advertising budget and produce breakfasts that are nutritious enough to qualify as real foods? Then we could believe them when they say, "The best to you each morning."

✎ This month we have **DENIM DAY**, a day when we bring attention to the fact that there is never an excuse for rape. This excerpt from an article by **Keli Goff** that appeared in the Huffington Post that speaks to

the deep-rooted problems in our culture concerning the issue of rape:

For every rape survivor, there is at least one person who's convinced she (or he) was "asking for it."

There was a time when blaming the victim was limited to a certain type. You all know who I'm talking about: The scantily clad girl, who had a little bit too much to drink, a little bit of a reputation and who really should have known better than to go off with that potential rapist. You know the guy who uttered the ominous words, "Would you like to have dinner?"

"How could she not have known what that really meant?" her critics ask. But this blame game has officially reached critical mass and now includes a class of victims we all hoped it never would: children.

This became crystal clear to me upon reading coverage of the rape of an 11-year-old girl in my home state of Texas. In a *New York Times* article on the story, we hear from outraged community members who seem both appalled and embarrassed by the ordeal. Not so much by the fact that an 11-year-old girl was raped and that they live among a group of young men who could do such a thing, but appalled by the fact that she dressed provocatively and that these young men could have their lives ruined by the fallout. (I guess in their eyes being gang-raped before reaching puberty does not qualify as a life-ruining experience.)

I've often said there are very few political issues in which there is absolutely no gray area, but simply right and wrong. Well the rape of a child is one such issue, or at least it should be. Yet despite this being one of the few issues that every human being should be able to agree on, regardless of race, religion or political affiliation, there still seems to be a sort of ambivalence about the wrongness of it all when it comes to sexual abuse and the law.

If 18 men and boys had beaten up an 11-year-old girl the only question anyone would be asking is how quickly can we lock the prison door and throwaway the key? But if she's raped, then apparently we have to ask several questions, namely: "Was she asking for it?"

"Was she dressed like she was asking for it?"

"Did she maybe unintentionally signal that she was asking for it by being alone with them?" Newsflash. She's a child and as such cannot ask for "it." EVER.

But what I find more disturbing than members of the community asking these questions, is the fact that they are all simply taking their cues from a society that consistently validates the legitimacy of this line of questioning.

I lost track of how many defenders of convicted pedophile and Academy-Award winning director Roman Polanski, tried to frame his assault as the story of a helpless older man who simply gave in to the temptation of a sexually

precocious young siren. (His victim was 13 at the time.) By that twisted logic I guess we should stop letting toddlers run around wearing nothing but their diapers. Wouldn't want any other helpless older men to get the wrong idea. Much like the case of the young girl in Texas there were many who asked what role the mother of Polanski's victim played in her exploitation. That is a fair question. But the correct answer to that question is not, "Let's blame the victim." If anything it simply means that yet another adult should have been held accountable for her abuse.

But ultimately our society is not hardwired that way and our legal system reflects that.

I previously wrote about the case of William George Barney, a convicted pedophile who served less than a year in jail for molesting six boys who put the ultimate faith in him as a Boy Scout leader. Upon his release he was later convicted of molesting another child for an extended period of time, but will serve less than six years for that crime, before most likely getting out and doing the same thing all over again. Barney was sentenced to less time than disgraced Tyco exec Dennis Kozlowski and 144 years less than Bernie Madoff.

While I realize these men committed serious offenses, doesn't it say something about our priorities as a culture when stealing money is considered a more serious crime than stealing a child's innocence? Maybe the reason we can't get our criminal justice system and others in power to take sexual crimes against children more seriously is because too many of them believe that under the right (or rather wrong) circumstances they too could find themselves the accidental "victim" of the seductive charms of a young siren -- whose age they really didn't know (wink, wink.)

And wouldn't that be terrible for them to find their lives ruined?

Especially if she was really asking for it.

[Click hereto learn about ways you can help improve our laws and societal attitudes as they pertain to sex crimes. But perhaps the most important thing you can do? The next time you hear someone ask what a survivor of a sex crime was wearing, ask that person, "Does it matter?"](#)

[Read more](#)



HEALTH

🌸 Ibuprofen is a non-steroid al anti-inflammatory drug, or NSAID, commonly used to relieve muscle aches and arthritis pain, but data show it

may also lower one's risk of developing Parkinson's disease. Previous studies have suggested that this class of anti-inflammatory drugs could help prevent the disease, but until now, it has been unclear which medications in particular might have an effect. In studies of more than 135,000 men and women, those who regularly used ibuprofen were 40% less likely to develop Parkinson's.

🌸 Groupon reported that approximately 15% of site deals nationwide were for healthcare services such as eye exams, teeth cleaning services and other basic healthcare services.



WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

🌸 CHRISTY TURLINGTON (Founder, Every Mother Counts-Director/Producer, NO WOMAN, NO CRY): Whereas in the U.S. motherhood is for most women a joyous celebration, in many developing countries it is often said that to be pregnant is to put one foot in the grave.

🌸 As we celebrated Women's History Month last month and the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, Barbara Crossette reviewed some of the work yet to be done on behalf of women around the world. By now it is well known that of all the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, a major reduction in maternal mortality is least likely to be met. In other words, pregnancy can be a death sentence. In the rich world – the global north – a woman's chance of dying in pregnancy or childbirth is, on average, 1 in 3,600. In sub-Saharan Africa, it is 1 in 31. In that region, 38 percent of girls are married, often without their consent, by age 18. In North America (except for Mexico), Europe and East Asia, the percentage is so small it doesn't figure in statistics. In shining a light on present inequities, the data sheet also points to dismal futures for millions of women. If only 61 percent of girls in West Africa or 21 percent in Afghanistan complete primary school, what does that say about their prospects for participation in national politics or the economy? If 4 to 6.5 percent of girls aged 15 to 19 in central Africa and 11 percent in Nicaragua give birth in any given year,

what are their chances of enjoying any personal independence and long-term good health? Across Europe and East Asia, the figure is 1 percent of girls.

In Uganda, 40 percent of women say that a man has the right to beat his wife if she argues with him; in India, 30 percent accept that view. (In both countries, oddly, men were slightly less likely to claim that right when asked.) In Uganda 31 percent of women also said that a man had the right to beat them for refusing sex. In Indonesia, where 96 percent of young women are literate and all girls complete primary school, the figure was 7 percent. The correlation is unmistakable.

[Read more](#)

❧ KARACHI, Pakistan — The Washington Post reports that in the past three months, Sherry Rehman’s house has become a self-imposed prison. The liberal lawmaker knows that for her to move about freely in Pakistan now would be to step into the cross hairs of religious radicals who have assassinated two of her like-minded colleagues this year.

Rehman’s offense, in the extremists’ view, is proposing reform of laws that make blasphemy a capital crime and that are often used to persecute religious minorities or personal enemies. Pakistan’s violent fundamentalists consider the mere idea of such reform poison.

With the deaths of her ruling-party peers, Rehman, 50, is the country’s only vocal advocate for amending the blasphemy laws — a cause she now backs mostly from home, and more quietly. Armed guards and police stand watch outside. Inside, the former journalist receives friends and colleagues, fending off pleas that she flee the country.

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EVENTS

Tell us about events in YOUR area that we can post here.



April 7th
Stand Up for Women's Health
Washington, D.C.

Over the last couple of weeks, the onslaught of anti-choice and anti-family planning legislation has continued to move through Congress. Hadassah has joined forces with its coalition partners to stand up for women's health and women's reproductive rights. On April 7, 2011, thousands of women and men will gather in Washington for the Stand Up for Women's Health Lobby Day. The day will be packed with briefings, interfaith lobby training, a rally on the National Mall, opportunities to meet with legislators and more. Hadassah is working closely with the National Council for Jewish Women (NCJW) and strongly supports their new campaign Voices for Reproductive Choices. Sign up to secure your spot in the NCJW Voices for Reproductive Choices delegation. Registrants will receive important event updates as April 7 approaches, so RSVP today! Buses will be available to transport some attendees to D.C. from key cities around the country. For local delegation information and arrangements, contact the NCJW group or office in your area.
Contact programming@hadassah.org with any questions.

Can't make the trip to D.C.? Show your support for women's health and reproductive services by attending local events, signing petitions, and contacting your legislators via phone, fax, email or social media!



Thursday, April 7th
6:00 – 8:30p.m.
& Thursday April 21st
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and in an effort to promote prevention of sexual assaults against women and girls, the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women is providing FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES to women and girls ages 12 and up. Two classes will be offered:
Thursday, April 7, 6:00 - 8:30 pm @ the Glendale Police Department
Thursday, April 21, 5:30 - 8:00 pm @ Glendale Community College

Space is limited, so please RSVP to attend. To reserve a spot in the class call Christine Baboomian at (818) 548-4844.



Saturday, April 9th
10:30 a.m.
The Culinary Historians of Southern California
"The Old Girl Network: Charity Cookbooks and
the Empowerment of Women."

Jan Longone is the speaker
LA Library Mark Taper Auditorium 630 W. 5th st.
Free.

Published by women in nonprofit groups across the country, “charity cookbooks” are a legacy of the Civil War. Before mass media, communication and transit, the first wave of the women’s movement was already active via the lowly cookbook. As many people do not understand why we preserve these ephemeral items, this lecture explores the politics just under every woman’s nose (and, often, behind men’s backs!). [Click here](#)

Thanks to Monica Hubbard, Publisher of Wired Women for Letting us know about this

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**April 7-9**

**Feminist Majority and YWCA present**

**Women, Money, and Power Summit**

**Washington, DC**

**Mayflower Hotel**

**Senator Barbara Boxer**

**Luncheon honoring Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**

**Congressional visits**

**...and more**

**[For information and to register, click here](#)**

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Saturday, April 9th

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

How to Become an Elected or Appointed Official

This intensive program is a special training session with the National Women's Political Caucus LA Westside and California Women Lead. The training facilitators are NWPC LA Westside's very own co-Presidents Lindsay Bubar and Betsy Johnson, and Rachel Michelin, CEO/Executive Director of California Women Lead.

Robyn Ritter Simon, NWPC LA Westside Board Member, will be facilitating the morning session, so be sure to get there early.

Plummer Park

7377 Santa Monica Blvd

West Hollywood

Special price until March 11th \$25

Register: [Click here](#)

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**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Equal Pay Day**

This date symbolizes how far into 2011 women must work to earn what men earned in 2010.

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April 21st

7:00 p.m.

International Museum of Women

Exhibition Launch

Young Women Speaking the Economy

Mills College, Jeannik Méquet Littlefield Concert Hall,

Music Building, 5000 MacArthur Blvd
Oakland, CA 94613.

Free parking is available on campus.

This event is free and open to the public,
but please RSVP to rsvp-vpo@mills.edu to secure a seat.

Refreshments will be served. Program followed by reception
and book signing with Maya Soetoro-Ng.



April 27th Denim Day

Every year since 1999 Peace Over Violence has organized Denim Day in LA & USA It is a rape prevention education campaign, where we ask community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement with their fashion statement and on this day wear jeans as a visible means of protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault.



Thursday, May 5th 11:00 a.m.

7th Annual Jewels of Glendale

Oakmont Country Club, Glendale

Honoring:

Mona Marcos

Lynne Raggio

Tanis Rhines

Blanca Zavala

Special Chair's Recognition to Lana Haddad
and Gem Scholarship Award to Ani Ghazikhanian
Mistress of Ceremonies - Susanne Whatley-Miller
Host, HEALTHline & KPCC Radio

Tickets are \$65.00 per guest (\$30.00 for students) and
must be purchased by Thursday, April 28

Complimentary Valet Parking

For more information, please contact
Christine Baboomian at (818) 548-4844 or
women@ci.glendale.ca.us



Pasadena Magazine & Wells Fargo Present
3rd Annual Women in Business Luncheon
THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 2011



THE HUNTINGTON

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino
11:30-1:30pm

To purchase tickets call
626.744.0954 x317 or online at
www.pasadenarose.com/tickets



Tuesday, May 3

**10th Annual Gala benefitting Women's eNews
and honoring our 21 Leaders for the 21st Century, 2011**

Jumeirah Essex House
160 Central Park South
(between 6th and 7th Aves.)
New York City

Cocktail Reception at 6 p.m. | Dinner at 7 p.m.
Business Attire

RSVP online: <http://www.womensenews.org/21Leaders>
or by phone: 212-244-1720

For additional information email: 21Leaders@womensenews.org



June 24 – 26

**NOW National Conference
Daring To Dream: Building a Feminist Future**

Tampa, Florida

What do a police chief, a plus-size model and a pollster all have in common?
They are three of the compelling women scheduled to speak at the
2011 NOW Conference in Tampa this June.

These fabulous feminists will be joined by a leader in South
Florida's Haitian community, an actress/blogger and an expert on
health and income security. And that's just the beginning

[Click for more](#)



FINAL WORDS

We lost 2 leaders this month, Geraldine Ferraro, the first Vice Presidential candidate who ran with Walter Mondale in 1984, and Elizabeth Taylor, AIDS Activist, Leader, Actor and Movie Star.

“You don't have to have fought in a war to love peace.” Geraldine Ferraro

“It is strange that the years teach us patience; that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting.” -Elizabeth Taylor



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