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100th Anniversary of International Women's Day
Women's History Month
3rd Annual Women of the World Awards
World Leadership Day

***"We must ... ensure our daughters
have no limits on their dreams"***

President Barack Obama, 2/28/11

Our Vision
**That 50% of
leaders are
women**

Our Mission
**To transform
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within which
we live to one
that naturally
includes
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equal basis in
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IN THE NEWS

☞ Rarely have we seen such epic clashes between the forces of light and darkness. We watch in awe as revolutions somersault through the Middle East. We see instantaneous digital communication as a weapon against oppression and, in the hands of tyrants who tap into its power, as a weapon for oppression. While the cloud spurs some people to reach for the stars, delighting in freedom of expression, it seduces others to sprawl in the gutter, abusing freedom of expression. When CBS's Lara Logan was dragged off, beaten and sexually assaulted by a mob of Egyptian men in Tahrir Square the giddy night that Hosni Mubarak stepped down, most of us were aghast. But some vile bodies online began beating up on the brave war correspondent. *Maureen Dowd, LBN Alert 2/19*

☞ New York: **Un Celebrates Birth Of Powerful New Agency For Women And Girls**

Luminaries from the worlds of politics, entertainment, business, the media, music and film joined the United Nations on February 24th to celebrate the birth of a powerful new agency giving voice to women and girls worldwide.

UN Women – formally known as the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women – was established in July 2010 by the General Assembly, merging four previous UN bodies dealing with women's issues.

“With the birth of UN Women, we welcome a powerful new agent for progress on gender equality and women's empowerment,” says Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

“The challenges are great, but I believe that with the new energy, the new momentum and the new authority that UN Women brings, these challenges will be met. True gender equality should be our shared legacy in the 21st century.”

UN Women will be working with an annual budget of at least \$500 million – double the combined resources of the four agencies it comprises.

It is headed by former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, who called the launch of UN Women the first of many important milestones in

the global pursuit of gender equality.

“Think of how much more we can do once women are fully empowered as active agents of change and progress within their societies,” says Ms. Bachelet. “Historically, we are at a point of great potential and change for women. Now we must seize that opportunity.”

Among the priorities Ms. Bachelet has laid out for the new agency is ending violence against women, ensuring their full participation in conflict resolution and enhancing their economic empowerment.

The launch of UN Women took place during the 55th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and the advancement of women.

Source: Kelly Hayes Raitt, Author



There's A Lot To Celebrate on Saturday, March 12th!

- ❖ **100th Anniversary of International Women's Day**
- ❖ **Women's History Month**
- ❖ **World Leadership Day**

And we will be celebrating them all at

3rd ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE WORLD AWARDS

We are honoring

- ❖ **Andrea Herz-Payne** for her work with Aid Still Required,
- ❖ **Tracy McCubbin** for her work with OneKid One World, and
- ❖ **Mireya Asturias Jones** for her work with the International Women's Coffee Alliance

❖ It is 100 years since German labor leader Clara Zetkin proposed that March 8th be proclaimed International Women's Day

❖ In 1987 Congress declared March as being Women's History Month throughout the United States. Here are excerpts from President Barack Obama's Declaration this year:

"Women now comprise nearly half of our workforce and the majority of students in our colleges and universities. They scale the skies as astronauts, expand our economy as entrepreneurs and business leaders, and serve our country at the highest levels of government and our Armed Forces," Obama wrote. "In honor of the pioneering women who came before us, and in recognition of those who will come after us, this month, we recommit to erasing the remaining inequities facing women in our day."

"As we prepare to write the next chapter of women's history, let us resolve to build on the progress won by the trailblazers of the past. We must carry forward the work of the women who came before us and ensure our daughters have no limits on their dreams, no obstacles to their achievements, and no remaining ceilings to shatter."

❖ Along with 17 other countries around the world, we **will Celebrate WORLD LEADERSHIP DAY** - bringing awareness to the need for more authentic leadership.

Suggested Donation:
\$35 per person; \$15 per student; \$300 for a group of 10

The last two years we SOLD OUT! Don't be disappointed, register TODAY!

Join the Celebration!

Call 818-243-2322 for more information



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We need YOU! Thinking about volunteering? Whether or not you have ever volunteered, you have skills and interests that are useful. Volunteer at an event, be a mentor, or take on a project. We will work with you to design a volunteer experience that is just right for you.



Leadership Circles Team

Call or [email](#) now!

This year we are starting our Leadership Circles, small, powerful training programs built around projects. To promote and implement them we need -

- Coaches
- Coordinators
- Administrative Assistant
- Promotions Team

Event Planning Team

Call or [email](#) now!

Do you love to give parties? Are you detail-oriented? Do you love working on a team? We have two teams, one for our Annual Women of the World Awards in March, the other team for other events throughout the year

- Find venues, follow up with them
- Find and follow up with resources – vendors, speakers, creative, entertainment, etc
- Volunteer coordinator
- Help on the day of the events
- Find silent auction and raffle items
- Put out flyers, postcards
- Anything and everything that needs to be done!

Next meetings of these teams:

Saturday, February 5th, 11:00, Zephyr Coffee Shop, 2419 E Colorado, Pasadena
Sunday, February 13th, 2-4pm, address with RSVP

Promotions Team

Call or [email](#) now!

Do you have experience in any part of public relations?

We have openings for volunteers to -

- Contact/ follow up with the media
- Increase our social network visibility

Fundraising

Call or [email](#) now!

Are you creative? Are you okay with asking people for things?

We have openings to help us expand our fundraising.

- Affiliate programs ready to be added to our website and promoted
- New affiliate programs set up
- Campaign for special event sponsorship
- Membership development and follow up
- Following up with previous vendors, in-kind donors and more

Call 818-243-2322 or

Email Volunteers@5050Leadership.org



WHAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE

🌸 A speaker at Fifty-Fifty Leadership's February event on preventing heart disease, **Stephanie Covington Armstrong** tells her story in a powerful, authentic way that moves her audiences. She is a playwright, screenwriter and mother. She also has more than 20 years in recovery from an eating disorder. Growing up poor and hungry in the inner city, she was subjected to foster care and sexual abuse. An overwhelming insecurity defined her early years. Stephanie describes her struggle as a black woman with a disorder consistently portrayed as a white woman's problem. Trying to escape her self-hatred and her food obsession, she found herself trapped in a downward spiral. She finally overcame her shame and conquered her addiction to using food as a weapon against herself. Stephanie is the author of a book, "Not All Black Girls Know How to Eat: A Story of Bulimia." She has written for Essence, Sassy, Mademoiselle and Venice magazines. She is in demand for speaking engagements in between raising her three wonderful children. She can be reached at notallblackgirls@gmail.com or through her lecture representative Kevin MacRae at kmacrae@lordly.com



GRANTS FOR WOMEN

Older Women's Scholarship Program

Thanks to Bonnie Coffey, Coach and Feminist for this item

The AARP Foundation will begin accepting online applications for its 5th Annual Women's Scholarship Program. The scholarship will provide funds to women age 40+ who seek additional educational opportunities, new job skills and/or training.

Women are more at risk than men of not having enough to make ends meet in the second half of their lives due to lower earnings and cycling in and out of the workforce due to caregiving responsibilities. The Women's Scholarship Program was created to help women make ends meet while working.

Please see the scholarship eligibility requirements below and forward the announcement to women who may be interested.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Women
- Age 40+ by March 31, 2011
- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Enrolled in an accredited school or technical program within 6 months of the scholarship award date.

For more information and to submit an application, visit www.aarp.org/womensscholarship.

Applications are **due** by **March 31, 2011**.



WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

☞ On April 27th Linda Hollander, The Wealthy Bag Lady, brings her very successful Women's Small Business Expo to Los Angeles once again. Presentations by successful women business owners, great networking Opportunities and more. Call 866-Women-Biz or [Click here for more information](#)

☞ Following is information about 5 FREE workshops offered by the Valley Economic Development Center(VEDC), and a letter I received from a brave woman who had a bad experience at one of the other Small Business Development Centers. There is a lot of help by a lot of good people available but if your experience is anything but the best, do not just go quietly away. We want places like VEDC and SCORE to stay and they need us to give them feedback – good and bad.

Register today and participate in the Downtown LA Retail Project Workshop March Madness Series!

1. All About Business Loans Workshop:

Do you want to expand, purchase equipment/inventory, or restructure your business? Learn about the various types of business loans available to expand or start-up a business. Also, learn of the components of a business loan package and the 5 Cs of credit: character, capacity, collateral and conditions. Workshops taught by loan officers.

What: All About Business Loans
When: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 4pm – 5pm
Where: Latin Business Association (LBA)
120 S. San Pedro Street, Suite 530,
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Register: Call (213) 488-3599 or email smuradyan@vedc.org

Cost: FREE!!!!
Parking: Parking is \$6 in adjacent lots.
Meter parking in front of the building.

2. Legal Issues For Small Businesses Workshop:

As the owner of a small business you are probably used to working through problems on your own. Attend this workshop to learn about when is the right time to engage an attorney? And what you should look for when considering an attorney?

What: Legal Issues for Small Businesses
When: Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 6pm – 8pm
Where: Downtown LA Retail Project, 315 W. 9th Street, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Register: Call (213) 488-3599 or email smuradyan@vedc.org
Cost: FREE!!!!
Parking: Parking is \$3 after 4pm in Chase Parking Lot (NE corner 9th & Olive)

3. Financial Literacy Workshop:

Financial planning covers a wide variety of money topics including budgeting, expenses, debt, saving, retirement and insurance among other. Understanding how each of these topics work together and affect each other is important for laying the groundwork for a solid financial foundation.

What: Financial Literacy Workshop
When: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 6pm – 8pm
Where: Downtown Central Library, 630 W. 5th St, Meeting Room A, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Register: Call (213) 488-3599 or email smuradyan@vedc.org
Cost: FREE!!!!
Parking: Parking is \$1 with library card & library validation at the 524 South Flower Street Garage.

4. Small Business Tax Workshop:

In partnership with IRS, this workshop will provide information to help new and existing small business owners understand and meet their federal tax obligations. The workshop will cover Basic IRS Tax Requirements. You will learn about recordkeeping and bookkeeping systems, business income and deductions, the different types of entities, how to file and pay business federal and much more.

What: Small Business Tax
When: Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 5pm – 8pm

Where: Downtown LA Retail Project, 315 W. 9th St,
Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Register: Call (213) 488-3599 or email: smuradyan@vedc.org
Cost: FREE!!!!
Parking: Parking is \$3 after 4pm in Chase Parking Lot
(NE corner 9th & Olive)

Bonus: Special guest speaker Eva Rosenberg, America's Top Business Tax Expert and author of "Small Business Taxes Made Easy" will donate 2 books at workshop!

5. Business Marketing Basics:

The best product won't sell if no one knows about it! Learn how to develop a practical marketing plan. The majority of business failures are attributed to a lack of a formal and effective marketing strategy. What to think or re-think about how you attract people to your business. Learn about the 4 P's in marketing: Product, Place, Price & Promotion.

What: Business Marketing Basics
When: Wednesday, March 31, 2011, 6pm – 8pm
Where: Los Angeles Public Library- Central Library,
630 W. 5th Street, Meeting Room A, L.A. 90071
Register: Call (213) 488-3599 or email smuradyan@vedc.org
Cost: FREE!!!!
Parking: Parking is \$1 with library card and validation
after 3pm at 524 South Flower Street garage.

☞ *My husband and I came in for a business seminar and SCORE also has retired executives to mentor small business owners. We decided to go to the same person who gave the seminar. He claimed to be a former clothing business executive who moved from NYC to Los Angeles recently. I had to come in for the second meeting myself since my husband's work schedule did not allow it. The first meeting went well, the counselor had great ideas and I gave him confidential business paperwork and a layout of my plans for the business. After we communicated via e-mail he proposed to meet for lunch, which I did not find suspicious.*

As we met for lunch, he told me that he is divorced and has moved to LA to become a playboy. He also confessed that he is so smart that he only wants to date married women so they won't try to marry him for "his money". He proposed we make out right at the cheap diner and he tried to tell me his sexual fantasy he was having about meeting younger women (we'd have about 30+ years age difference). I left.

Wow, so we got retired playboy "exec" and looking to get laid. But to add insult to injury, he also has access to our confidential business information and now

he is also trying to sleep with women who come for small business counseling.

My husband and I complained to Washington division of SCORE who is in charge of volunteer services. The whole thing was humiliating – I had to meet with 3 people in charge of Los Angeles SCORE and explain the whole thing, at the meeting and in writing. We were so scared the guy would use the info he obtained from us to retaliate.

But after seeing how many women come to SCORE to get help with their businesses, how many of them this idiot harassed before me and they never stepped up to report the guy? How many women in general would just run away and not tell anybody?

I should give credit to SCORE administration for dealing with it fast and seems like they fired the guy. The thing is, these counselors don't get paid and it's all volunteering. How do we know they are normal and trying to help somebody improve their business or trying to meet women to get laid like this guy?

So the moral of the story – women, stand up for our right, report the sexual harassers and make sure this kind of behavior does not go well in places like Small Business Administration education agency.

In this difficult economy many people only have options of running their own businesses and this type of predator who would “volunteer” to meet women should NOT BE TOLERATED. Sophia



BOOKS and MOVIES

Bridge Over Troubled Water is the latest book by author Alexis Powers. Alexis has written both fiction and non-fiction and this time it is a romantic suspense involving two people who meet on an international online bridge website and soon find themselves inexorably drawn together in a relationship that begins as the most wonderful experience of their lives, but soon becomes the most terrifying. Set along the majestic California coast, this exciting story moves at a rapid pace toward a seemingly inevitable conclusion. Just when it seems there is no way out, a twist of fate takes the story in an unpredictable direction.

If her other books are any indication, this is one I am looking forward to reading.

You can buy it online at www.alexispowers.net or at the

Amazon Kindle store.

Women's ENews tells us of 6 movies of interest during Women's History Month –

Jane Eyre, Red Riding Hood, Cracks, Desert Flower, The Desert of Forbidden Art, and Elektra Luxx.

Read about them: [Women's ENews Story](#)



DID YOU KNOW...

❧ Researchers say there is an association between the length of a mother's employment and her child's body mass index (BMI). They found that the more years a woman spent at work after her child's birth, the more that child's BMI rose. It is possible that children of working mothers eat more fast food and restaurant meals, since their mothers are more pressed for time, and that this may be contributing to the obesity problem. The researchers are quick to point out that the finding does not indicate that being a working mother causes obesity in children and those mothers leaving the workforce will not eliminate the problem of childhood obesity. *Source: LBN Alert*

❧ **Women Doctors Face \$17,000 Pay Gap**

Newly-trained women doctors are being paid significantly lower salaries –about \$17,000 less — than their male counterparts, found a new study published in the February issue of Health Affairs. The pay disparity exists even after the researchers accounted for factors such as medical specialty, hours worked and practice type. Women had lower starting salaries than men in nearly all specialties, the researchers found.

The gap has been growing steadily in recent decades, to \$16,819 in 2008, from just \$3,600 in 1999. The pay disparity exists even as women now comprise nearly half of all U.S. medical students.

In 1999, new women doctors earned \$151,600, on average, compared to \$173,400 for men – a 12.5% salary difference. In 2008, that salary difference widened by nearly 17%, with women starting out at \$174,000, compared to \$209,300 for men. (These are average salary figures, across all specialties.)

Historically, women have disproportionately flocked to primary-care fields such as internal medicine, family practice or pediatrics. But in recent years, the percentage of women entering primary care fell from nearly 50% in 1999 to just over 30% in 2008. Despite entering higher-paying specialties, the widening pay gap persisted, the researchers found. For instance, female heart surgeons earned \$27,103 less, on average, than men, while females specializing in pulmonary disease earned an average \$44,320 less than men.

[Read more...](#)

🔗 Super Bowl = Surge in Sexual Exploitation

A surge in human trafficking tends to accompany major sports and entertainment events. “What we’ve learned is that sexual trafficking, sexual exploitation of children in particular, is all about supply and demand,” says Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. With more than 100,000 fans in Dallas, there was a “looming potential explosion of human trafficking around the Super Bowl,” says Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who expected hundreds of girls and women to be brought to the area. In the wake of 2009’s game in Tampa, Florida’s Department of Children and Families took in 24 children who’d been trafficked to the city for sex work. Given that Texas, according to Abbott, is second only to California when it comes to trafficking, the figures for Dallas could be even worse.

In the past, prostitution crackdowns have sometimes doubly victimized trafficked girls, imprisoning them instead of finding them help.

“Sometimes, if not frequently, people who are seemingly offering up prostitution services are victims of human trafficking,” he says.

“Instead of trying to commit a crime, they are victims of a crime.”

[Read more...](#)



HEALTH

🔗 Despite the fact that the risks associated with heart devices differ for women and men, many such devices are approved for use in the US without sufficient data on their safety and effectiveness in women. Though in 1994 the US Food and Drug Administration began requiring premarket approval applications for these devices to indicate whether study subjects reflect the real-life proportion of men and women who have the condition being treated, researchers found that more than a quarter of the studies they reviewed did not report participants’ gender at all. Furthermore, in studies that did report gender, two-thirds of the participants were male.

🔗 Many women with early breast cancer do not appear to need removal of their lymph nodes, as is often recommended, according to a federally funded study released last month. The study, involving nearly 900 women who were treated at 115 sites across the country, found that those who did have their

lymph nodes removed were no more likely to survive five years after the surgery than those who did not, the researchers reported in a paper published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. [Read more...](#)



WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

❧ **Women's Rights in Egypt:** Ninety percent of Egyptian women are genitally mutilated, according to aid worker estimates. Although the practice was officially outlawed in 2007, gynecologists can still legally perform it "for health reasons." Egyptian women can vote; they are significant part of the workforce and there were women in the recently disbanded Egyptian cabinet. But Egyptian women are not allowed to travel abroad without the permission of their husbands and they have difficulty initiating divorce.

What no one is talking about, though, is how deeply dangerous this time is for Egyptian women. The influence of extreme Islam has been growing there in recent years, so that for a bare-headed female to walk the streets of Cairo, even the tourist areas near the Egyptian Museum where I worked on my book about the French in Egypt in 2004, is to invite menacing looks, and muttered obscenities from men on the street. [Read more...](#)

❧ Even as more Egyptian women than ever attend university and enter the workforce, they have had to contend with a society that still considers unaccompanied women out in public as "fair game" for sexual comments, advances and worse. A survey released in 2008 by the [Center for Women's Rights](#) found that 83 percent of Egyptian women and 98 percent of foreign women had experienced harassment. Still, many here remain in denial about the extent of sexual violence and the very nature of harassment. [Read more...](#)

❧ **"We've got the same blood running through our veins."** When people in parts of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire's commercial capital, see smoke these days, they don't know if just tires are burning, or tires and bodies, resident Paul* told IRIN.

Paul lives in Abobo, a district thousands of people have fled in recent days because of heavy fighting between forces loyal to Laurent Gbagbo and armed groups backing Alassane Ouattara.

The undertakers won't come for bodies once they've started to decompose so people in the neighbourhood are incinerating corpses

to get rid of the smell and especially the disease risk.

“I ask myself, when will the international community turn its attention to the catastrophe unfolding in this country?”

“The entire world is watching closely the situation in Libya, in Tunisia, in Egypt. They mustn’t forget Côte d’Ivoire. We’ve got the same blood running through our veins. “For those who are still in Abobo, food and medicines are running out. Cars don’t circulate any more. Shops are closed; their owners fear looting.

“It’s nearly impossible to leave now, or even to go from one neighborhood to the next; there are armed men at makeshift roadblocks everywhere. They ask your name, they rob everything you’ve got, they beat you up. *Source: WIP Int’l*
(*not his real name)



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EVENTS

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

Saturday March 5

4:00pm

WIP International Celebrates

100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day

Irvine Auditorium

Monterey Institute of International Studies,

499 Pierce Street, Monterey, CA

An engaging afternoon event at the Monterey Institute of International Studies followed by a reception at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Anne Firth Murray, the Founding President of The Global Fund for Women will give the keynote address

events@thewip.net or call 831-644-0116.



Saturday, March 5

10:00 – 12:00

Huntington Library Women’s Studies

Seminar Series presents

**Women and the Tradition of Progressive
Politics in Twentieth-Century California**

"Maria de Lopez, Clubwomen, and Social Networks in Suffrage-Era Los Angeles"
Eileen W. Wallis, Associate Professor, Department of History, California
Polytechnic University, Pomona

"Women in the Inner Halls of Politics: California's Commission on the
Status of Women and Activism Against Sex Discrimination, 1965-1975"
Carol Cini, Instructor, History Department, De Anza College

"Deep Roots: Francisca Flores and Chicana Political Activism in Los Angeles, 1960-1980"
Marisela R. Chavez, Assistant Professor, Chicana and Chicano Studies, CSU Dominguez Hills

Moderator: Donna C. Schuele Lecturer, Department of Criminology,
Law & Society, UC Irvine

At the end of the program at noon, we meet on the patio for lunch together.
You may bring your own lunch, or purchase a sandwich lunch at
reception (limited supply). There is no pre-registration, and the
program is free to all in attendance.



Sunday, March 6th **4-6 pm**

Come Celebrate with League of Women Voters Pasadena Area at their
75th anniversary party, at Caltech's Athenaeum.

Music, specially created exhibits and a video will add to the
festivities. Make your online reservation by credit card or PayPal
here: www.lwvpasadenaarea.org/celebrate



Tuesday, March 8th **International Women's Day**

Birthing a Loving Humanity
...the Next 100 Years

hosted by Frankie Lee Slater
and The Art of LIVING Coalition
anytime from 5:15 pm - 8:30 pm close
The Pueblo - 20178 Rockport Way
Malibu, CA 90265

PLEASE JOIN US! - Men & Women, All are Welcome!
Panoramic View of the Ocean - Sunset - 5:55 pm
Pot Luck (please bring a vegetarian dish to share)
Visioning Circle & Music by Andrea Davidson
Suggested Donation \$10



Wednesday, March 9th **Second Annual Stop Human Trafficking** **6:30 p.m.**

Ten Thousand Villages
567 S Lake Avenue, Pasadena 91101

Sponsored by: City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women
And Ten Thousand Villages

Pasadena Police Chief Sanchez will offer opening remarks
and Oasis USA will be speaking on how to prevent local
trafficking. The Commission on the Status of Women is partnering
with Oasis USA on Stop the Traffik Pasadena. Come learn how to
be an active part of this local effort to stop human trafficking in
our city.

Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served



Saturday, March 12th

Celebrate!

Come join Fifty-Fifty Leadership
and United Nations Association
as we celebrate

3rd Annual Women of the World Awards
100th Anniversary of International Women's Day
Women's History Month
World Leadership Day
An afternoon to be inspired!

Help us honor
Andrea Herz-Payne
Tracy McCubbin
Mireya Asturias Jones

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Brookside Golf Course
1133 N Rosemont Ave
Pasadena 91103

[Register today!](#)

818-243-2322

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## **Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Maya Angelou**  
**An evening of poetry, prose and powerful ideas**  
**from a beloved American treasure**

**Royce Hall, UCLA**  
**310-825-2101**

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March 26th

11:00 - 2:00

Shepherd's Door presents
Women Wellness Luncheon
"Mind Body & Soul"

Pasadena Senior Center

Register at www.shepherddoor2001.org \$10.00 on-line
or \$15.00 at the door.

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## **Sunday, March 20**

**World Water Day**

**Walk and Brunch in Santa Monica Mountains**

**10:00 walk 11:00 Bagel brunch**

16565 Park Lane Circle Los Angeles, CA 90049

RSVPs a must to 310-476-7318

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Monday, March 21

Shades of Culture

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Celebration of the coming of the Spring and the renewal
of the nature which falls on Iranian New Year Day.

910 Lorinda Drive

Glendale

RSVP to cyesayan@gmail.com

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## **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**20/20 Vision Day**

National Constitution Center

525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

Guided Tour of Women's History Exhibition

Luncheon

More...

For more information call Emily Wing

At 215-991-8325 or by email at

[ewing@drexelmed.edu](mailto:ewing@drexelmed.edu)

Mary-Christine Sungaila had a letter to the editor  
about Vision 2020 published in the Pasadena Weekly:

[Read it here](#)

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Thursday, March 31st

7-9 pm

Introduction to IMPACT Personal Safety

Private home, Altadena

Address with RSVP to 626-798-8421

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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

NWPC Presents

Women's Conference

9:00 – 4:30

Plummer Park

7377 Santa Monica Blvd

West Hollywood

Special price until March 11th \$25

Register: WWW.WEHO.ORG/WLC

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## **FINAL WORDS**

This month's quote is from **Evelyn Cunningham**,  
a journalist and activist who was a trailblazer up to her death  
last year. She covered the civil rights movement from its inception,  
often reporting from dangerous locales. As an activist and  
administrator, she occupied government appointments, board  
memberships, and executive roles in countless organizations  
Her agenda was to expand rights and opportunities for African  
Americans, women, and the poor.

***“Women are the only oppressed group in our society  
that lives in intimate association with their oppressors”***



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