



## THE EQUALITY STANDARD March 2010 – Women's History Month

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women of the World Awards Honorees:



L to r Dr. Riane Eisler, Shilpa Sayana, MD, Whitney Kroenke Burditt

Join us as we honor these women and celebrate  
Women's History Month  
and  
World Leadership Day  
More

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## IN THE NEWS

🌀 Women's Media Center Launches 2010 Progressive Women's Voices Media and Leadership Training Program – Women's Media Center is thrilled to announce the launch of its 2010 Progressive Women's Voices (PWV) media and leadership training program. Now in its third year, PWV is training and mentoring up-and-coming political contributors and ensuring there are plenty of qualified, authoritative, progressive women experts available to the media. More below

🌀 Last month 17-year-old Rebecca Layson was brutally murdered and raped allegedly by her 17-year-old boyfriend and 18-year-old male friend.

Teen dating violence is real and rampant. That's why Peace Over Violence, a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization has been educating hundreds of Los Angeles middle and high school students on dating violence prevention through Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships, a national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson and Blue Shield of California foundations.

A striking feature of Start Strong is its emphasis on educating 11-to 14-year-olds, an age group that is usually absent from dialogue about youth dating violence. More than 4,300 students at Berendo and Virgil middle schools will participate in Start Strong Los Angeles. These students are chronically exposed to violence.

Teaching middle school students about preventing relationship abuse may seem premature. However, statistics show that waiting until they enter high school could be too late.

Sixteen- to 24-year-old women experience the highest rate of dating-related homicide, at a rate three times the national average. During their teen years, one in three girls will experience physical abuse in a relationship. Ten percent of California teens report being in an abusive relationship each year. Shockingly, up to 80 percent of teens say they know someone in an abusive relationship.

The effects of teen dating violence and abuse are serious. It can lead to poor academic performance, anxiety, depression, chronic health problems, physical injuries, and even death. Given such a grim reality, it's critical that prevention education starts before the violence begins.

Peace Over Violence, through Start Strong Los Angeles, provides resources and materials to help preteens understand what it means to be in a positive, healthy relationship. We are working with teen leaders, parents, mentors, teachers, school administrators, among others, to provide information, reinforce positive behaviors, and break down the acceptance of relationship violence and abuse.

For more information visit [www.youthoverviolence.org](http://www.youthoverviolence.org) and [www.startstrongteens.org/resources](http://www.startstrongteens.org/resources)

🌀 **Kathryn Bigelow** won the Directors Guild of America award for directing "The Hurt Locker," becoming the first woman to do so in the 62 years of the DGA awards.



## WOMEN OF THE WORLD AWARDS

**What do a holocaust-survivor/ social scientist/ author, a global AIDS physician and a musician have in common?**

**Dr. Riane Eisler, Dr. Shilpa Sayana and Whitney Kroenke Burditt**

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Mijares Restaurant, 145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena, 91105**

Experience an extraordinary afternoon with the opportunity to mingle, talk with and listen to these adventurous, committed, difference-making women while also meeting other people committed to making a difference and enjoying refreshments.

Imagine how your life could be impacted by these women as they tell their stories and speak of the fulfillment of the hope to so many. [Read more about them below.](#)

*You will have the opportunity to win a luxurious night in the glorious plushness of the Langham Hotel in Pasadena.*

As a present to you for coming to honor these women, when you leave the event, as well as having been touched, moved and inspired, you will take with you a copy of the new, hot-off-the-presses book, “Healing Hearts” by heart transplant surgeon, **Dr. Kathy Magliato**, courtesy of **Random House**.

**Tickets are just \$35 General Admission, \$15 Students.**

**Last year we sold out, so get your tickets today.**

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or call **818-243-2322** if you would prefer to give a credit card over the phone,  
or you can send a check made out to Fifty-Fifty Leadership to P.O. Box 11202, Glendale, CA 91226

**Pass this on to your friends, relatives and co-workers. They'll thank you**

**Riane Eisler** fled the Nazis in Vienna with her parents and went to Cuba before arriving in the United States. As well as being a social scientist and attorney, she is a prolific author on cultural transformation. Dr. Eisler is a leader in the movement for peace, sustainability, and economic equity, and her pioneering work in human rights



has expanded the focus of international organizations to include the rights of women and children.

Having authored 8 books and over 300 articles, has spoken at the United Nations, and by invitation of the President of the German Parliament, the Mayor of Bogota, Colombia, and Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic.

She is included in the award-winning book *Great Peacemakers* as one of 20 leaders for world peace, along with Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Martin Luther King.

**Whitney Kroenke Burditt** –Co-Founder of Playing for Change - Peace Through Music



Whitney Burditt knew she wanted to make a difference through music. She knew the joy, inclusiveness, and cohesiveness music brings and wanted to empower communities around the world through music. She founded Playing for Change to -

- Directly help build and connect music schools around the world that provide hope and inspiration to communities in need.
- Provide a safe learning environment as an alternative to the violence and despair children face in their daily lives.
- Empower children to create and share their music providing a healthy outlet of their personal expression.
- Enable collaboration between students of our new schools and students from established music schools in the U.S. and abroad.

The Foundation was formed with the dream that every child, no matter where he or she lives, or their circumstances, will have the opportunity to experience the powerful gift of music.

Last year in the city of Tamale, hometown of one of Playing for Change Band's members, in the Northern Region of Ghana, ground was broken on a new school of music and dance, and earlier this month, the Bizung School of Music and Dance opened.

The school will offer music and dance classes rooted in the traditional style of the region and will provide the children of Tamale not only a safe environment to learn in, but also the opportunity to share their cultural and musical traditions with other children from around the world. With an enormous amount of community support in the building of the school - over 30 volunteers showed up unannounced to help dig and lay the foundation.

Whitney brings her passion to this cause and Playing For Change is gaining recognition – you may have caught them on shows such as The Colbert Report. [www.playingforchange.com](http://www.playingforchange.com)

**Shilpa Sayana, MD, MPH** is an HIV specialist. In countries such as Haiti, Nigeria and Guyana, she provides technical assistance, guidance, and clinical trainings to local partners, ensuring quality of care.



Born in Zambia, Dr. Sayana grew up in Botswana and came to the United States to attend college. An advocate for HIV/AIDS patients, she aims to work where HIV medication and quality healthcare are minimal.

Dr. Sayana has worked in Durban, South Africa conducting research on the identification of acute HIV infection with women in Kwazulu-Natal. She provided clinical care in rural South Africa for HIV positive patients, and has worked in Egypt and India in the field of HIV care.

She has published numerous articles and presented at a variety of conferences Dr. Sayana received the Most Humanistic Intern Award and twice received the Most Humanistic Resident Award.

About the location, Mijares Mexican Restaurant – started by a woman:

More than eighty years ago, **Jesucita Mijares** fled the revolution in Mexico searching for a new life for her family. After settling in Pasadena, she opened a small tortilla factory. It quickly became known for its tiny restaurant featuring Jesucita's original recipes, tortillas, tamales and sauces made with her metate stone grinder carried from Mexico.



Today, Mijares Mexican Restaurant is Pasadena's oldest and finest Mexican restaurant known for its authentic regional and traditional cuisine, famous margaritas, and festive patio dining. And, Mijares remains a family tradition under the care of the Mijares family. This legacy is a tribute to Jesucita Mijares, who passed away in early 1988. Always the gracious hostess, Jesucita's motto remains "Mi casa es su casa." We hope you enjoy Mijares.



## **Women's Media Center Launches 2010 Progressive Women's Voices Media and Leadership Training Program**

**“Women's Media Center** is changing the conversation about women in the media, making sure progressive women are visible, powerful and consistently commenting on the important issues of the day,” said WMC President and PWV alumna Jehmu Greene. “Given the caliber and popularity of the program over the past two years, we expect a diverse and experienced pool of applicants to this highly competitive program.”

Women who graduate from the program leave with a sophisticated understanding of the current media climate, effective interview presentation and techniques, and the skills to serve as thought leaders in their fields.

With PWV and SheSource – a database of more than 500 progressive women experts – WMC has become the go-to resource for editors, reporters, producers, and bookers seeking knowledgeable women commentators. Every day, PWV alumnae are making significant contributions on important issues like health care reform, national security, and most recently the devastation in Haiti.

PWV alumnae have achieved more than 5,000 media hits in national, top-tier media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, Associated Press, CNN, MSNBC, and hundreds more. To see the real impact Progressive Women's Voices is having, watch this [video](#).

In 2010, WMC will host three PWV classes, a total of thirty women from across the country. The application deadline for the first class is February 28, with trainings to be held April 16-18 and May 14-16 in New York City. Travel, accommodation, and training expenses are paid for completely by the WMC. Women representing diverse backgrounds, areas of expertise, professions, ethnicities, ages, geographical regions and levels of experience are encouraged to apply (including those who have previously applied). For more information, or to apply for the program, visit our [website](#).

To speak with WMC President Jehmu Greene about PWV 2010, please contact Rebekah Spicuglia, (212) 563-0680, [rebekah@womensmediacenter.com](mailto:rebekah@womensmediacenter.com).

Women's Media Center is a nonprofit women's advocacy organization founded by Jane Fonda, Robin Morgan, and Gloria Steinem in 2005 to make women visible and powerful in the media. Please visit <http://womensmediacenter.com/> to learn more about our work.



## WOMEN IN BUSINESS

☞ March 16-18 is **National Women Contractors' Week** in Washington, DC. *Access to Federal Contracts: An abundance of connections to federal agencies and prime contractors*  
Brought to you by the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce

March 16  
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

This full day session with HHS provides contractors with an excellent introduction to HHS contracting opportunities, key contacts, marketing insights, systems, sourcing and one-on-one meetings with the HHS team.

Morning: Educational Sessions

Afternoon: One-On-One Meetings with HHS representatives

March 17  
Get Connected to Federal Agencies & Prime Contractors

This day is full of great information and a wide array of connections. You'll receive an update on the status of women's businesses in federal contracting, take part in our national awards showcasing the accomplishments of women contractors, hear from the White House, and meet one-on-one with dozens of representatives from federal agencies and prime contractors.

March 18  
U.S. Army

This full day session with the U.S. Army provides a detailed overview of how to market to the major Army commands. Representatives from each of the commands will be on hand. Then, during the afternoon session, businesses will meet one-on-one with Army team.

Morning: Educational Sessions  
Afternoon: One-On-One Meetings with U.S. Army

To learn more about the conference: [Click here](#)



## DID YOU KNOW...

🌀 Women's enews reports that Jody Heymann, founding director of the Institute for Health and Social Policy at McGill University in Canada, and research scientist Alison Earle in their new book, [Raising the Global Floor: Dismantling the Myth That We Cant Afford Good Working Conditions for Everyone](#), find that 177 countries guarantee paid leave after the birth of a child and 132 nations guarantee breastfeeding breaks at work. The United States provides neither.

[Read the article](#)

🌀 76% of Fair Trade production is done by women  
*Thanks to Kelly Hayes-Raitt, Author and Feminist for this*

🌀 SciGirls is a new series and Web site out to change how tween girls think about science, technology, engineering and math. Grab your lab coats and head over to <http://www.pbskids.org/scigirls>.

🌀 Just in case we hadn't totally gotten it yet, **Forbes Magazine** has released a list of the "**best paying jobs that women aren't in.**" And yes, women are missing out on some major cash not being involved in these high paying jobs like chiropractor, engineer and firefighter.

But one thing really stands out in the list of top 20 jobs women aren't in: how many of them are high level jobs that women are having issue accessing for one simple reason -- most of the people who make the hiring decisions are men.

It's a simple fact of business that promotions and hiring decisions are made by the people one level above the position being hired into. Should we be surprised that there aren't that many women in "high powered, high level" jobs like "First-line supervisors/managers of fire fighting and preventing workers" (#4) or "First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives" (#7), since the people who would supervise and promote them are the primarily male top of the career foodchain?

Forbes laments that the #1 job, Chief Executive Office (go figure) is only 23% occupied by females, even though women are now graduating with business undergraduate degrees at a rate of 2 to 1 over men. What they don't seem to correlate is the fact that most CEO's are approved by mostly male executives at the same level, or by members of mostly male board of directors.

Five of the top 20 and three of the top 10 positions that women aren't in are the highest level of supervisory jobs, gatekeepered primarily by members of opposite sex, making it unsurprising women aren't showing up at a higher ratio. But strides are being made, and in jobs where performance promotions outweigh those that can be more "judgment" based, women are in a position to move up quickly.

Professor of Management at Cornell University Elizabeth Mannix notes that women may make faster strides in fields like firefighting and police work than in business and engineering because promotions are more structured. In business and engineering, Mannix says, the motherhood penalty, lack of flexibility and ambiguity about who's the best fit for the job remain. "The more ambiguity," she says, "the more room there is for subtle biases."

Perhaps once we can get rid of these "subtle biases" women can have true equality in the workforce.

*Source: Care2 Make a Difference*

## **March Highlights in US Women's History**

- March 1, 1978 - Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County , California
- March 1, 1987 - A Congressional resolution designating March as Women's History Month is passed
- March 4, 1917 - Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress
- March 8 - International Women's Day; its origins trace back to protests in US and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women
- March 11, 1993 - Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General
- March 12, 1912 - Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah , Georgia for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting
- March 13, 1986 - Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska
- March 17, 1910 - Camp Fire Girls is established as the first American interracial, non-sectarian organization for girls
- March 20, 1852 - Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19 th century
- March 21, 1986 - Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship
- March 23, 1917 - Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf
- March 31, 1888 - The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others; it is the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in U.S.
- March 31, 1776 - Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence: "Remember the ladies..."

*Source: National Women's History Project*



## **HEALTH**

### **Minnesota abortion provider helps meet need in South Dakota**

Carol Ball's day begins in the dark, in another state. By the time she arrives at work, crosses a snowy parking lot and enters the austere one-story Planned Parenthood clinic here, she has flown 200 miles to do something no South Dakota doctor will do.

Ball performs elective abortions. ... she does not do late-term abortions, and she has not received threats. But her trips are carefully orchestrated by security officers... Thirty-seven years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in its landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision, the nation remains deeply divided. To Ball, the national debate has turned her work into a political act.

"I would rather do this without all this hoopla," she says. "I think to myself, 'What century do we live in?' she says.

The Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls is busy on a January day. Out-of-state doctors have flown into town two days in a row, a rarity, and eight women are waiting to see Ball.

With no South Dakota doctors willing to do elective abortions since 1994, the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Minneapolis coordinates the schedules of the doctors -- three from the Twin Cities, including Ball, and one from Denver -- who take turns staffing the clinic about one day a week.

"It would be a dream to have a doctor in town," says Andrea, the clinic director, who, for security reasons, spoke on condition that her last name not be used. "Until I got here, I didn't understand the magnitude of the political environment and the woman's decision and how much what we do matters."

In 2006, Gov. Mike Rounds (R) signed HB 1215, which would have outlawed all abortions except when the mother's life was in jeopardy. The unborn, he said, are "the most helpless persons in our society."

Voters overturned the law before it took effect and defeated an antiabortion ballot proposal in 2008. But state law requires that women and girls seeking an abortion hear a "script" about abortion written by legislators. They must meet with a staff member one full day before they receive a medical abortion or RU-486, known as the abortion pill.

Ball says doctors and staff have long discussed the procedure thoroughly with the patients, considering it a duty to act responsibly.

"It's important that she be sure that this is what she wants," Ball says. "I tell women that we don't do abortions for boyfriends or husbands or mothers or best friends. We do abortions for women who want them." She adds, "Women almost universally have given this decision a great deal of thought."

Even so, the patient is sometimes unsure. Late last year, a girl of about 15 or 16 said she feared that an abortion would be killing a baby, Ball recalls. One of the visiting doctors advised her to go home and return in two weeks if she felt certain that an abortion was right for her. Four weeks later, the girl came back, Ball says. The girl said she was sure, sobbed after the procedure was over, and thanked everyone on her way out.

Ball entered medical school at the Mayo Clinic in 1973, the year *Roe* was decided. She did not count herself radical: "I was white, upper-middle-class suburban. I still don't see myself as edgy." Nor did abortion seem controversial to her: "It was legal. It was right. . . . Why would anyone argue with that?"

By 1980, she was working one or two evenings a month for Planned Parenthood in Duluth, Minn., focusing on contraception. When the Duluth Women's Health Center opened, she asked to be trained to do dilation and curettage, better known as abortion. For years, she told few people about her work.

"Now, I say, 'I work for Planned Parenthood,' because I'm not going to mince words anymore," she says. "But there were years when I would say, 'I'm an obstetrician and gynecologist.' "

Along with her desire for privacy, she wanted to protect herself and her family from harm. She remains cautious. But her children are older, and she wants to show them the importance of "standing up for what you believe."

Ball spends 40 percent of her time on other projects, principally as medical director of the regional Planned Parenthood office in the Twin Cities. If doctors openly discussed the issue in their communities, they could reduce the stigma around abortion, Ball believes. One rural woman in South Dakota tried to give herself an abortion in 2007, using a sharp implement that broke off.

"They don't get care early because they don't want the physician to know they're pregnant," Ball says. "And they don't get care after the procedure, or they lie or they're afraid of how they'll be treated if they're honest about having had an abortion."

Ball spends the end of her day in a small cubicle, recording details in her patients' files before meeting the security man for the ride to the airport. This day, she saw more tears than usual. Mothers with children are more likely to cry, she suspects, because "they have already imagined the baby that would result."

"Tears are okay," Ball says she told more than one patient. "We understand tears."

As she prepares for the trip home, she talks about the struggle ahead. The decision to limit abortion coverage in the health-care legislation before Congress, she says, "makes me less optimistic about the future. It makes me tired. I just have a very deep conviction that we're right and they're wrong. And they as honestly believe that they're right and we're wrong."

[Read the whole article](#)



## WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

☞ In the aftermath of **Iran's** election, the government has arrested over 5000 protestors. Human rights organizations argue that women have been unfairly targeted, particularly women's rights activists, female journalists and their families.

The organization Change for Equality highlights a number of egregious reasons for arrests, including running gender equality websites, collecting campaign signatures, or being family members of activists. And still, some have disappeared for no discernable reason.

However this has not kept Iranian women from taking action. About 1200 activists have signed a statement that decries the "Family Protection" bill currently in Iran's Parliament. Dubbed the "Anti-Family Bill" by its detractors, the bill would give men the right to take on more wives without the consent or knowledge of the current wife. If the current wife is away from the house for more than 6 months or terminally ill, the husband may take on another wife. Currently a man needs his wife's consent to marry another woman. *Source: Care2 Make a Difference*

☞ **International Museum of Women** will be launching a new, interactive online feature where you can honor women around the world who inspire you [Click here](#)



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## EVENTS

*Please let us know of events in YOUR area that we can post here. If you know of conferences, programs that will inform, educate and inspire, we will consider them for publication. Ed.*

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**League of Women Voters**  
**Access to Impact**  
**Using Open Government to Create Change**

8:30 a.m. to Noon

Place: Neighborhood Church

This forum is a free community service

Please RSVP by phone: 626-798-0965

or by e-mail: [lwvpsocialpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:lwvpsocialpolicy@gmail.com)

301 North Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, 91103

*Thanks To Wired Women Publisher Monica Hubbard for letting us know about this event*



**March 8<sup>th</sup> – International Women's Day – Three Ways To Celebrate**

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Verdugo Hills Business and Professional Women's**  
**Networking Luncheon**  
**with**  
**Louise Elerding, AICI, CIP**  
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**11:30 AM to 1:15 PM**  
**La Cabanita Restaurant**  
**3447 N Verdugo Rd**  
**Glendale, CA 91208**

**\*\*RSVP by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to**

Julia Rabago 818-903-0661 or [juliarabago@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliarabago@sbcglobal.net)

**11:30AM -11:45AM** Registering and Networking

**11:45AM** Self introductions & Speaker

**12:45PM** Accomplishments & Promotions  
(your 1 minute commercial or chance to brag!)



**Monday, March 8, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women**  
**And**  
**Ten Thousand Villages**  
For an event to commemorate  
**International Women's Day**  
**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
Ten Thousand Villages Store  
567 S. Lake Avenue  
Pasadena

We will be viewing a documentary on the issue of human trafficking entitled "*At the End of Slavery*," discussing the issue and learning what we can do to stop this practice locally.

*Light refreshments will be served.*



**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon**  
Los Angeles County Commission for Women  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel

For more info call 213-974-1455



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Tickets: \$35 General Admission, \$15 Students  
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**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**  
**Come Join the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**in our Nation's Capitol**

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation recognizing the importance of honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

Please join this historic anniversary celebration on the afternoon of

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

In addition to the special event in the Capitol, the **National Women's History Project** and several women's organizations will be sponsoring a series of events, programs, and celebrations from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Included in these events will be a two women's historic sites bus tours - one on

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1 and another on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 2.

For detailed information and a schedule of events, email the National Women's History Project at [nwhp@nwhp.org](mailto:nwhp@nwhp.org)

In the meantime, the National Women's History Project has reserved a block of rooms at the L'Enfant Plaza in Washington, DC, from March 23 to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

For information about this special room rate, email Molly Murphy MacGregor at [ednasmolly@aol.com](mailto:ednasmolly@aol.com).

30 Years of **Writing Women Back into History** has changed the consciousness of our nation.

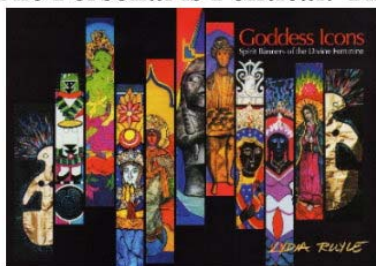
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**Kids Fun Run**  
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## FINAL WORDS

*"A woman can do anything. She can be traditionally feminine and that's all right; she can work, she can stay at home; she can be aggressive, she can be passive; she can be any way she wants with a man. But whenever there are the kinds of choices there are today, unless you have some solid base, life can be frightening."*

Barbara Walters



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