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### Barbara Jordan Remembered

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"We believe that the government, which represents the authority of all the people, has an obligation to actively—underscore actively—seek to remove those obstacles which would block individual achievement—obstacles emanating from race, sex, economic condition. The government must remove them. We are a party of innovation. We do not reject our traditions but we are willing to adapt to changing circumstances when change we must. We are willing to suffer the discomfort of change in order to achieve a better future. We have a positive vision of the future founded on the belief that the gap between the promise and reality of America can one day be finally closed. We believe that. This, my friends, is the bedrock of our concept of governing. These are the foundations upon which a national community can be built. Let all understand that these guiding principles cannot be discarded for short term political gains. They represent what this country is all about. They are indigenous to the American idea, and these are principles which are not negotiable."

—Keynote address at the 1976 Democratic National Convention  
Former Representative Barbara Jordan (D-TX)  
(Died January 17, 1996, at the age of 59)

### Women's Center Cross Country Ski Trip



In our January-February Women's Center Newsletter we requested that everyone "think snow"...and it worked! Despite the subsequent meltdown, conditions should be ideal for our *12th Annual Women's Center Cross Country Ski Weekend, March 2-3*. We will return to Elk River's Main Street Cabins providing both lodging and meals this year. If you call now (885-6616), you may register to join us for this affordable (\$30) getaway outdoor adventure.

### Scholarships



The UI Women's Center administers two scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Idaho. The **Agnes Eikem Chase Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a single parent of a minor child, or child of a single parent (male or female). To qualify, an applicant must be a full-time undergraduate of any major with an ACT score higher than 23 or combined SAT verbal/math score of 1110 or greater. Entering freshman must have graduated in the top 10% of their high school class. Continuing students must demonstrate a GPA of 3.2 or better. The **Shirley Grossman Caldwell Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a female single parent who is the primary caregiver of her child. Graduate, undergraduate, and entering students are eligible. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and academic potential. *Information and applications for both scholarships are available at the Women's Center, 885-6616. Application deadline is March 29.*

### What's In A Name ?

*Sojourner's Alliance* is the new name of a familiar local non-profit organization. Formerly the YWCA of the Palouse, *Sojourner's Alliance* board members voted unanimously to discontinue its affiliation process with the national YWCA. Founded in 1991, this organization provides transitional shelter to homeless women and children in the Palouse at its *Sojourner Truth House*. They also operate the *Troy Food and Clothing Bank* and the *Jackson Street Y's Buys Thrift Store*. The name change is accompanied by a new policy: *men may now participate as full members of Sojourner's Alliance and may serve on the Board of Directors*. For more information or to make a donation, call 883-3438.

## "NO REST FOR THE WICKED" by AUNTIE ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Sisters,

Spring is here (or near enough for a columnist's purposes) and your Auntie's fancy has turned to love. It's not original, but it's better than sandbags and sump-pumps. I hope this letter finds you all high and dry and ready for amour, as we should all be every day.

But Auntie, I hear you cry, love is so complicated! Wasn't it simple once? Love began in high school. Girls met boys. They married. They had a statistically appropriate number of children. Not necessarily in that order. But now! Boys might meet boys, and girls, girls. Domestic Partnership plays Sprint to Marriage's AT & T. Single women have children, married mothers have divorces. Will the world stop spinning? Will stock prices plummet? Will "boy meets girl" pass from the face of the earth?

My dears, I am happy to reassure you. Historically speaking, love has always and everywhere been complicated. Those people who tell you there was an idyllic moment (usually defined as existing from the last day of Truman's presidency to the first day of Kennedy's) when we all loved with a single mind are the very same shills who sell commercial air-time on Nick at Night. Ladies, don't be fooled. Harry has always met Sally, and on the great New Year's Eve of the popular imagination, they will always enjoy a romantic kiss and marry and live happily ever after.

What has changed, or is about to change, is that Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice will be joining them on the matrimonial trail. Hawaii, that technicolor bastion of love and romance, will likely allow marriage for all, regardless of gender, later this year. Sisters, on that day, Auntie Establishment will throw a luau to shame Magnum P.I., Gilligan, and Jack Lord put together. Auntie with auntie (or uncle with uncle) will walk down the aisle, their single mother bridesmaids weeping for joy, the children of the single mother bridesmaids casting rose petals before them from be-ribboned baskets. And after the reception, the happy couple will sit down like the well-bred people they are and promptly write their thank-you notes.

Dear Harry and Sally—Thank you so much for the matching set of Ronco Pocket Fishermen. We've seen them advertised so often on Nick at Night, and we've always wanted poles of our very own. How thoughtful you are!

Aloha, sisters!

Auntie Establishment

*"We live in the century of the Appeal...One applauds the industry of professional philanthropy. But it has its dangers. After a while the private heart begins to harden. We fling letters into the wastebasket, are abrupt to telephone solicitations. Charity withers in the incessant gale."*

—Phyllis McGinley, *Saint-Watching*, 1969

The Women's Center hopes to earn your contribution by providing diverse and interesting educational programming, needed services, and an informative, if not entertaining, newsletter. In light of the statewide rollback in higher education spending, we appeal to you to supplement reduced funding to continue to provide innovative programs. Although there is no subscription fee for the newsletter, nor admission charged for our programming, we welcome your contribution nonetheless. Five dollars more than covers the cost of receiving a full year of the newsletter.

We have received positive remarks (and curious inquiries to reveal the identities) about our veritable

Women's Center Aunt Farm—*Auntie Establishment* and *Auntie Pasto*.

Our most well-attended programs of the 1995-96 academic year include *Spend an Evening in Beijing*, *Childbirth Choices*, *Idaho Women and the Land*, *Bacchanalia*, *Circadian Rhythms*, and readings by *Tristan Trotter* and *Marti Mihalyi*. We expect *Entangled Lives* will join this list.

To support the Women's Center further, send contributions at whatever level you can afford to the *Women's Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, 83844-1064*. The Women's Center staff extends our deepest appreciation.

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## MARCH 1996 NOON PROGRAMS

Women's Center programs are open to all members of the community. We invite you to bring a friend, some lunch and join us! Programs begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Women's Center Lounge unless indicated otherwise.

March 5  
Tuesday

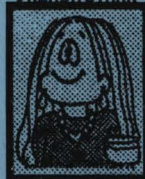
**FIND THE LADDER TO CLIMB YOUR FAMILY TREE** (or **GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS**) February's "Entangled Lives" program may provide the incentive to explore your own family history. *Kathy Probasco*, Associate Registrar, Catalog Editor, and Genealogist, will supply you with information about sources, forms, places to go, and people to write to compile your unique genealogy. Kathy was bitten by the genealogy bug in 1978. She has worked on her own family's history, edited and published a family research periodical, and taught the beginning genealogy class through the UI Enrichment Program. *Bring your mother's maiden name to this program and we'll go from there.*

March 6  
Wednesday

**CHINESE WOMEN IN THE WEST** *Priscilla Wegars*, historian and historical archaeologist, examines the lives of Chinese women in the West, both those who were prostitutes and those who were not. In addition to Polly Bemis, other Chinese women were individually recognized for their particular contributions and accomplishments. Historical documents, such as newspapers, census records, and marriage license applications, help locate Chinese women in the West, while artifacts unearthed on archaeological sites and in museums confirm their presence in areas for which no documentation exists. Join us for this narrated slide and artifact presentation.



BRENDA STARR



CATHY

March 12  
Tuesday

**"FUNNY LADIES"** Narrated by *Jean Stapleton*, this film features four of America's most popular women cartoonists. Because the achievements of women cartoonists have gone virtually unrecognized throughout the history of cartooning, the impression is that there have been few successful women cartoonists. *Funny Ladies* sets the record straight. Opening with a visual history of early strips created by women, *Funny Ladies* goes on to reveal the process of creating a comic strip, and examines the role cartoonists play in commenting on society. Come in for a few chuckles as we watch the development of your favorite cartoon character!



STLVIA



ERNIE POOK

March 13  
Wednesday

**CONTROLLING CREDIT DEBT** *Sheryl Choate*, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of North Idaho, returns to offer practical strategies for managing credit debt. Are you sold by low interest introductory offers? Can't decide which card to keep and which to discard? If you want to avoid getting in over your head, or simply to get out from under it all, you'll benefit from Choate's guidance regarding budgeting information, the real cost of credit, common pitfalls, and enhancing your financial situation.

March 26  
Tuesday

**CAROL GILLIGAN'S CRITIQUE OF THE MALE MODEL OF MORAL DEVELOPMENT** *Rhett Diessner*, Lewis Clark State College Psychology Department, worked as Carol Gilligan's Teaching Fellow in adolescent development at Harvard University. He will revisit Gilligan's and Kohlberg's work on moral development. This program serves as a segue from Desjardins' gender team building workshop at Athena's Gender Communication Conference to applying what we have learned about interactions and perceptions mediated by gender.

March 27  
Wednesday

**WOMEN IN TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY MOSCOW: A PERSPECTIVE OF CAROL RYRIE BRINK** Carol Ryrie Brink was born in Moscow, Idaho in 1895. She gained a national and international reputation through her numerous books, including *Caddie Woodlawn*, a 1936 Newberry Award winner. In her portrayal of Carol Brink, *Mary Reed*, director of the Latah County Historical Society, draws upon oral history interviews, letters, writings, and reminiscences by the author to create a first-hand perspective of life for women in Moscow.

# Coming in April



Women's Leadership Luncheon  
Thursday, April 25, 1996  
Moscow Community Center  
11:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Featured Guest Speaker: **Georgia Johnson**  
**UI Education Dept.**  
"She's a HOOT!"

Meet other local women and join us to hear Georgia Johnson's fun-filled observations about gender communication.

Catered by **Pasta Etc.**



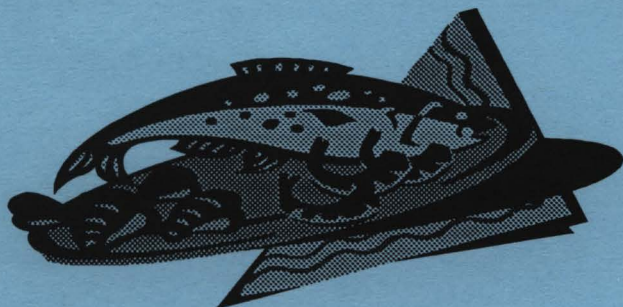
Cost and registration information will be forthcoming in local media sources and newsletters.

Participating Organizations include the UI Alumni Association, UI Women's Center, Palouse Executives, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Athena, and Sojourner's Alliance (formerly YWCA of the Palouse).

# SAVORY MOMENTS WITH AUNTIE PASTO

Greetings My Culinary Cousins,

Your choice. Make the 6000-mile trek to the southern hemisphere where the seasons are reversed, bask in the 85° heat, visit the 7th largest waterfall in the world, and spend 7,667 cruzeiros for dinner...OR bring the taste of Brazil right into your own kitchen.



## Moqueca De Peixe

2 lbs. fillets of sole, flounder, plaice or any white fish cut into 2 inch pieces

1 medium onion, chopped

1 or 2 fresh hot chili peppers, seeded and chopped

2 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped

1 clove garlic, chopped

1 Tbsp. fresh coriander leaves

salt

3 Tbsp. lime or lemon juice

1/4 cup dende or olive oil

Put the fish into a large bowl. In a blender or food processor, combine the onion, chili pepper, tomatoes, garlic, coriander, salt to taste, and lime or lemon juice. Reduce to a puree and add to the fish, mixing lightly. Let stand for 1 hour. Transfer to a saucepan and add 6 tablespoons of water and half of the oil. Cover and simmer for about 5 minutes until the fish is done. Pour in the remaining oil and heat for 1 more minute. Serve with rice.

You can find Auntie Pasto's recipe box on the web yourself. Surf to the UI Women's Center Home Page: <http://www.uidaho.edu/~wcenter/>

To share your family recipes with Auntie Pasto, write to: Auntie Pasto, c/o Women's Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1064.

## Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls



[an excerpt from Mary Pipher, Ph.D.]

"Schools have always treated girls and boys differently. What is new in the nineties is that we have much more documentation of this phenomenon. Public awareness of the discrimination is increasing. This is due in part to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), which released a study in 1992 entitled *How Schools Shortchange Girls*.

In classes, boys are twice as likely to be seen as role models, five times as likely to receive teachers' attention and twelve times as likely to speak up in class. In textbooks, one-seventh of all illustrations of children are of girls...Girls are exposed to almost three times as many boy-centered stories as girl-centered stories. Boys tend to be portrayed as clever, brave, creative and resourceful, while girls are depicted as kind, dependent and docile. Girls read six times as many biographies of males as of females. Even in animal stories, the animals are twice as likely to be males.

Analysis of classroom videos shows that boys receive more classroom attention and detailed instruction than girls. They are called on more often than girls and are asked more abstract, open-ended and complex questions. Boys are more likely to be praised for academics and intellectual work, while girls are more likely to be praised for their clothing, behaving properly and obeying rules...

The AAUW study found that as children go through school, boys do better and feel better about themselves and girls' self-esteem, opinions of their sex and scores on standardized achievement tests all decline." (p. 62-63, 1994.)

*An outgrowth of the AAUW findings was the establishment of TAKE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY in 1993. This year, Take Your Daughters To Work Day takes place on April 25. The April-May issue of our newsletter will feature an article about the emergence of this event and the controversy that this sex-specific activity has generated.*



THE WOMEN'S CENTER NEWSLETTER is published six times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the Center to the University and regional communities. There are also items of general interest about women's and men's issues. If you have announcements or information to include in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are always welcome. Disability access is on the north end of the building through the TAAC. A taped copy of the newsletter is available on request for the visually impaired.

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**NOTABLES**

- ◇ March 1, 1872: Yellowstone National Park dedicated and set aside as a public park. Yellowstone is the FIRST and OLDEST national park in the world!
- ◇ March 4: Purim begins at sundown.
- ◇ March 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- ◇ March 10, 1913: Harriet Tubman, organizer of the Underground Railroad, died.
- ◇ March 16, 1827: *Freedom's Journal*, first Black newspaper in the United States, begins publication.
- ◇ March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- ◇ March 20: Vernal (Spring) Equinox
- ◇ March 26, 1930: Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, is born.
- ◇ March 30, 1870: African-American men gain the right to vote with the passage of the 15th amendment.
- ◇ March 31: Palm Sunday

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