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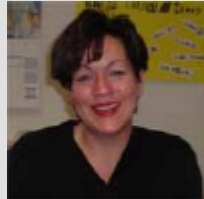


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1. Sexual Harassment on the Web



This month I've found an interesting article at **BlogCritics Magazine** which does a good job of summing up disturbing incidents of sexual harassment of women blog writers that have taken place via email and the internet over the last few months.

Studies have demonstrated that those who present themselves on the web with a screen name that indicates a female gender are subjected to much more intrusive and unsolicited sexual language and sexual or intimidating images than those who present with gender-neutral or male screen names.

Twice a year I teach Girl Scouts how to navigate the web safely. I tell the Girl Scouts not to use screen names that sound female. This safety tip actually makes me angry. I hate telling young women that they can't call themselves "racergrrl," or "catmama," or "powerderpuffpower," and still be safe in cyberspace. But its true.

Read more about the recent harassment of females bloggers and the research that demonstrates how unsafe female screen names are in *In the War Zone* at **BlogCritics Magazine** below.

Please contact me if you see an interesting news item about women.
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Thanks for reading,
Liz Kent

Link: <http://blogcritics.org/archives/2007/07/03/220520.php>

2. Wombs for Rent

"At \$5000, outsourced pregnancy is a bargain for Westerners. For India's poor, it means a giant leap into the middle class." Sarmishta Subramanian in [MacLean's](#)

"The business of surrogacy has created a gainful if not exactly desirable career niche for dozens of impoverished women in neighbouring villages and towns and indeed across India and has helped launch a national boom estimated at \$200 million around a process that raises a tangle of ethical questions: is it moral to pay the world's poor to have our children? Have we opened the door to shady practitioners who are exploiting women? Does surrogacy, as critics suggest, turn the parent-child relationship into a matter of property rights?" From [CNW](#)

Read the article at **MacLean's** via the link below.

Link:

http://www.macleans.ca/article.jsp?content=20070702_107062_107062

3. Inflammatory Breast Cancer

A video is making the rounds via email, but since I had never heard of this type of breast cancer until recently, I'm sharing these videos with GoS readers.

The **Inflammatory Breast Cancer Association** lists the [signs and symptoms of IBC on their site](#). This type of breast cancer does not show up on a mammogram and it does not form a tumor. Patients don't have to have a lump to have breast cancer. Mammograms and Ultrasounds are not enough.

Please watch these videos:

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

[Part 4](#)

A transcript is located at the link below.

Link: <http://www.komotv.com/ibc/>

4. Battle-Ready DeLauro Flexes New Muscle

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture is known more as a coveted assignment for farm-state lawmakers than a bastion for women's rights leaders.

But that is what it is becoming under the control of Rep. Rosa DeLauro, a Connecticut Democrat who is one of only three female House lawmakers known on Capitol Hill as a "cardinal," or one of the chairs of the 12 appropriations subcommittees that dole out federal dollars." By Allison Stevens in Women's ENews

Read the whole article describing how Rep. DeLauro is pushing the FDA to make women's health a priority at the link below.

Link:

<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/3222/context/cover/>

5. July Site of the Month

The Amazing Change is a UK effort to end modern slavery. Slavery is a seldom acknowledged but pervasive problem in our world - so much so the [UN has stated](#) "Slavery is a booming international trade, less obvious than 200 years ago for sure, but all around us." In March of this year the UN launched their Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking. According to the UN, "women and children . . . comprise the vast majority of victims." Eighty percent of the people taken in modern slavery are women and children. From [*Trafficking in Women and Girls: Meeting the Challenge Together Concept Paper*](#)

But before the UN took action this year, **The Amazing Change** was already in place working to:

- * Increase literacy about the historical issue of slavery and the abolitionist movement;
- * Raise awareness about modern day slavery and other forms of oppression;
- * Motivate people to get involved to abolish slavery;
- * Raise a new generation of youth who care about suffering in the world and become abolitionists;
- * Engage new activists in a life-long journey to invest their time,

influence and resources back in the world;

* Provide much-needed funding to organizations that are working to abolish slavery.

Become a 21st century abolitionist! Check out the **Amazing Change** at the link below.

Link: <http://www.theamazingchange.com/>

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