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it out with your mama during the 6th Annual Norma Livingston Ovarian Foundation's Motherwalk on May 9. Visit nlovca.org for registration information.

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it up, become a "Party Pal" at Jessie's Place and plan festivities to celebrate residents' birthdays, baby showers and graduations. Visit handsonbirmingham.org to volunteer.

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1 The Obama administration will sign the UN Declaration on Gay Rights, which is a "resolution for a universal decriminalization of homosexuality" that calls for the UN Human Rights Council "to request a universal abolition of the so-called 'crime of homosexuality.'" The Bush administration opposed the declaration.

2 Meghan McCain pulls a Tyra and tells conservative pundit Laura Ingraham to "kiss my fat ass" on a visit to *The View*. Ingraham had mocked McCain's weight on her radio show.

3 The FDA has approved a new, less expensive (and quieter!) female condom. Officials are hoping the low cost will make for easier distribution in HIV-affected areas of the world.

it's a shame

1 Pope Benedict XVI, arriving in Africa, said that condoms "increase the problem" of AIDS. The comment, made to reporters aboard his plane, caused a storm of criticism. The Vatican defended his comments.

2 A recent poll finds that 25 percent of women questioned would rather win *America's Next Top Model* than the Nobel Peace Prize.

3 Because of the economic downturn, the adult entertainment industry is seeing an influx of women willing to work. Employers say that many of the applicants have college degrees and previously held white-collar jobs.