

N.O.W. Bay Area Chapter



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Can health be bought, as one buys repairs for an appliance, or can fitness be farmed out as if it were an entity apart from life?

One estimate holds that the medical system affects about 10 per cent of the usual indices for measuring health. The remaining 90 per cent are determined by factors over which doctors have little or no control.

The concept of holistic health will be explained, and relaxation techniques will be demonstrated, at the Thursday April 5th meeting of the Bay Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Elizabeth Perry, Instructor/Coordinator of Continuing Education, Division of Health Occupations, College of the Mainland, will be the guest speaker, representing the Holistic Health Association.

The Holistic Health Association unites professionals, paraprofessionals, and lay people who consider one's health to be a product of the interrelationships between body, mind, and spirit. One goal of the society is to help individuals become active in their health care through a variety of educational, research, and training activities.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Uniting Church, corner of El Camino Real and Reseda, Clear Lake City, Texas. This program would be a particularly good one for friends, neighbors, and spouses to attend.

For further information, contact program chair Rusty Richards at 488-5546.



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VIOLENCE & APATHY



DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL OUR OWN BODIES ? That is perhaps the most important question we can ask ourselves as women today. For the moment, the answer is a very hesitant - yes. The opposition is well organized, well financed, and dedicated to literally destroying our freedom of choice. And, they are winning. Slowly, but very surely, pro-choice legislators are being replaced by anti-choice fanatics. To quote from the NARAL REPORT: VIOLENCE AGAINST THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE. " These anti-choice fanatics, bent on destroying women's legal right to choose abortion, have unleashed a storm of violence against abortion clinics and contraception counseling facilities across the country. These attacks, which include burnings, bombings and even threats against the children of clinic personnel, show a systematic disregard for human life and property." If you will refer to the incident on February 11, 1978 at the end of the report where a six and one-half months pregnant staff member was pushed and kicked, you may be shocked. Don't be! What cannot be accomplished peaceably in the voting booth will, obviously, be dealt with by whatever means deemed necessary by these fanatics.

Our reproductive freedom was gained for us by our pioneering sisters of the sixties and early seventies. It was a battle not easily won. Are we going to simply sit in the apathetic distance and watch our freedoms won disappear as those reproductive freedoms of all poor women when government and state funded abortions were cut off ? Will the death of Rosie Jimenez be forgotten and for nought ? Will the rich, once again, fly to distant countries while our poor sisters die from coat hangers and butchers ? No one else will do it! We have to do it! You and I must organize letter writing campaigns that do not stop with only a few letters written, phone banks and trees that bombard our elected officials for months on end, to make very certain that our combined voices are heard long and loud. And we must march, not a few at a time, but en masse, monthly and weekly, if necessary. All this will take enormous energy and time. That most precious commodity; time which will be given at no small cost by us all. It cannot be put off till tomorrow, for tomorrow our freedoms will be absent as those freedoms of our not too distant past. The question of today, for us all, is painfully simple. Will we answer violence with apathy ? Will we lose the right of self determination for our own bodies to those who would control us ? Or, will we stand united and commit ourselves to freedom ?

SISTERS, LET'S GO TO WORK !

The Reproductive Rights Workshop at State Conference was lead by Charlotte Taft, Pres. of Dallas Co. NOW and T by Coord. of State R.R. task force. Featured was a report by Rhonda Belt, Texas NOW lobbyist. An extensive packet of information was provided. Included in this news letter are educational inspirational and MOTIVATIONAL offerings from this packet and from Texas Abortion Rights Action League. For more information call Lynn McGregor our RR coord. 488-1901. Evie Whitsett

SUMMARY OF THE ANTI-ABORTION BILLS IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE
AS OF February 21, 1979

H.B. 125 by Rep. Gene Green of Houston. The bill would amend Title II of the Family Code by giving a living fetus, surviving an abortion the same rights, powers and privileges as other citizens. It also attempts to terminate the parent-child relationship and to make the fetus a ward of the State Dept. of Human Resources.

Referred to the Committee on Judicial Affairs:

Chair: Bird, Vice Chair: Hill of Dallas, Allred, Barrientos, Donaldson, Gaston, Hudson, Polk, Reyes, Whitmire.

S.B. 117 by Sen. Walter Mengden of Houston. Same as H.B. 125 by Green.

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Chair: Farabee, Vice Chair: Meier, Braecklein, Doggett, Jones of Houston, Longoria, Mauzy, Mengden, Parker, Santiesteban, Schwartz.

S.B. 118 by Sen. Walter Mengden of Houston. The bill would prohibit hospitals, clinics, or any other medical facilities, supported by any taxes, from using its services and/or facilities for the performance of abortions; except to save the life of the woman or in cases of rape or incest. A resident of the county in which the facility is located may sue to enjoin the facility. (It should be noted that all hospitals receive some tax money, and that this bill would also stop the training of new physicians and other medical personnel in the medical schools of this state. Medical schools all receive tax money.)

Referred to the Committee on Human Resources:

Chair: Brooks, Vice Chair: Braecklein, Andujar, Blake, Clower, Doggett, Jones of Houston, Patman, Price, Short, Truan.

S.B. 119 by Sen. Walter Mengden of Houston. The bill would prohibit the state or any city, county, special district, or any other political subdivision from entering into any health insurance agreement that provides benefits for abortion; except in cases of rape or incest, or to save the life of the woman. (It should be noted that this would include school districts. Also, no political subdivision or insurance agency or company asked for such legislation. In fact, it is to their advantage to pay for abortions when sought, as opposed to maternity coverage.)

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development:

Chair: Creighton, Vice Chair: Harris, Howard, Jones of Abilene, McKnight, Moore, Price.

H.B. 1063 by Rep. Bill Ceverha of Dallas. *(Texas' Akron Ordinance)* The bill would adopt the concept that the 'unborn child' is a person from the moment of conception; require 2nd trimester abortions to be performed only in a hospital and all abortion facilities meet 'surgical standards'; requires the physician to dispose of the fetus in a manner

consistent with 'human dignity'; require the filing of reports and records for the purpose of gathering statistical data; require the physician to counsel the woman seeking an abortion (her husband if she is married; her parents if she is under 18 yrs.) 24 hrs. before the procedure in the following areas (with materials):

1. consequences of the abortion procedure to either her or her 'unborn child'
2. state recognizes the 'unborn child' as an individual human being and encourages her to continue her pregnancy
3. physical characteristics of the fetus at the time the abortion is being considered, including mobility, tactile sensitivity response to pain, brain and heart function, development of external members and internal organs, etc. (Photographs and other visual materials must be used.)

All this must be done, in person, by the attending physician. (It should be noted that this is the infamous "Akron Ordinance", passed first as a city ordinance, later as a county ordinance in a county in both N.Y. and Kentucky, and finally as a state law in Louisiana. In every case, the law and/or ordinance has been enjoined before it has been implemented.)

Referred to the Health Services Committee:

Chair: Ezzell, Vice Chair: Untermeyer, Whitehead, Barrientos, Gonzales, Grubbs, Simpson, Uribe, Webber.

S.B. 651 by Sen. Jack Ogg of Houston. The bill would prohibit abortions after the fetus is viable (defined as being able to live outside womb), and in fact would set penalties for felonies in the 1st degree if such a procedure causes the death of the woman or her "unborn child". The bill also states that provides that if a physician believes that the health of the woman or the "unborn child" is at stake, he/she may perform an abortion if the method used is the safest to the 'unborn child'. The definition of "unborn child" is stated as a human being from the time of its conception throughout pregnancy.

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence: See above.

S.B. 668 by Sen. Jack Ogg of Houston. The bill would amend the wrongful death statute (Article 4671, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, 1925) to add a new subsection (4) "The term "person" as used in this article includes an unborn child at any stage of its biological development from the time of its conception throughout pregnancy until its live birth."

Not referred at this time: Probable referral to Jurisprudence.

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Austin, Texas 78711

The Honorable (representative's name)
P. O. Box 2910
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Austin, Texas 78769

We need to send letters on these bills.
Public Opinion Messages (42 for 15 words) 224-1705

- TELL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT CHOICE -

The most effective way of impacting legislation is a personal letter to your legislator. Letters should briefly state your position and the reasons for your views. Keep in mind that threats do not facilitate communication. Your personal experiences or the experiences of people you know is the most convincing. Letters should be addressed to:

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Austin, Texas 78769

The Honorable (Sen's)
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Sample letters stating opinion:

- In countries where abortion has been legal for years, there is no evidence that respect for life has diminished or that legal abortion has lead to the killing of any persons. I feel the government has no right to interfere with a woman's right to control her life.
- My rights under the Constitutional provisions of right to privacy are being threatened by the government! I definately support the right to choose to be a parent! Please vote against any bill limiting my rights.
- To prevent the tragedies caused by the birth of unwanted children and the swell of welfare rolls, abortion is needed as a backup when contraception fails or is not used. I strongly urge you to support the right of women to have safe and legal abortions.
- I am concerned about bills restricting funds for safe legal abortions. A woman unable to obtain a legal abortion faces the dangers of an illegal abortion. I urge your vote against any bills restricting funds for abortions.
- The urgency of women's need to end unwanted pregnancy is measured by their willingness to risk death and mutilation, to spend huge sums of money and to endure the indignities of illegal abortion. A law to make abortion illegal is only going to increase the needless deaths and mutilations. I want women to have the free choice without legal harassment.

Sample letters refering to specific legislation:

- I urge your no vote on HB125. This bill would only make abortions more complicated and dangerous.
- Please vote no on SB117. This bill is meant only to make abortions more expensive and more complicated under the pretext of concern for the fetus.
- Vote no on SB118. The state supports birth expenses for women who choose to have children and it should also support abortion expenses for women who are responsible enough to know they cannot care for a child.
- Do not support SB119. Taking away abortion benefits is equivalent to taking away abortion choice for many women. Women who are mothers by choice are better mothers than those who are forced to have children.

Call the Austin Legislative Information No. 1-800-252-9693 (FREE!!) to get current bill numbers, brief descriptions, and bill status.

HUGE VOLUMES OF LETTERS ARE BEING GENERATED BY ANTI-CHOICE ORGANIZATIONS AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES. YOUR LEGISLATORS NEED TO KNOW YOUR POSITION.

!!WRITE NOW!!

HARRIS COUNTY LEGISLATORS

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(The Area Code for all Austin numbers is 512)

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The Editorial Notebook

The Religious Case for Abortion Rights

There has at last been an interesting intellectual departure in the heated debate over abortion policy. Under current law, the Federal Medicaid program pays all valid medical expenses for poor women, but does not pay for abortions, except in the case of rape, incest, or serious health threat to the mother. A case in the Brooklyn court of Federal District Judge John Dooling, *McRae v. Califano*, attacks the law on various grounds, but it is its claim of First Amendment rights that raises provocative questions about the law's religious neutrality.

The case is a class action brought on behalf of all Medicaid-eligible women by several civil liberties and church groups. They argue that the current Medicaid statute puts into law the religious dogma of those who view the fetus as a human being from the moment an egg is fertilized. To the Roman Catholic Church, for example, all abortion is murder. Orthodox Jews and some Protestant sects condone abortion only when the mother's life is threatened. The plaintiffs contend that current law strongly reflects such views and, therefore, denies some

poor women the right to exercise their belief.

This proposition is viewed by some as an attack on political advocacy by religions in general, and by the Catholic Church in particular. The Catholic journal, *Commonweal*, recently asked angrily "Do Catholics Have Constitutional Rights?" The plaintiffs do not, however, claim that the Catholic Church — or any other religious group — must remain mute on public issues. Nor do they suggest that poor women have an inalienable right to Medicaid for abortions. But they do make three important arguments:

- They say that some women do, in fact, have a religious reason for seeking an abortion. Some non-Orthodox Jews, for example, believe that abortion may be required to preserve a woman's physical or mental health. Various Protestant denominations teach that responsible parenthood may sometimes require ending a pregnancy. Many Baptist groups believe that the abortion decision should be a matter of personal conscience.

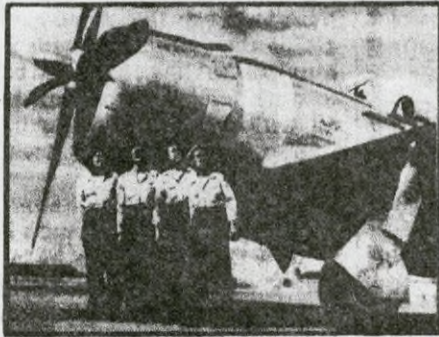
- The suit asserts that the law is unfair. If the Government were to end Medicaid benefits for all pregnant women — whether they have babies or

abortions — it would be religiously neutral and not an abuse of anyone's First Amendment rights. But to deny poor women funds for an abortion is a denial of religious freedom.

- The plaintiffs suggest that for Government to overlook such religious claims, it must have a secular purpose. But the current law does not. It saves no money. It is not part of some national population policy. It does not protect women's health. If anything, it drives them to unqualified abortionists.

Repeated Congressional debate leaves little doubt that the current law is intended to protect the fetus as if it were a human being from the day of conception and as if abortion, in most cases, is murder. This view of the nature of life is a matter of faith or religion, not universally shared by the public, nor, indeed, by the Supreme Court. It deserves to be challenged in court. Some describe this challenge as divisive and as a threat to harmony in our pluralistic society. On the contrary; that threat is posed not by the case but by the law it would undo.

SOMA GOLDEN



The untold story of the World War II women pilots — the WASPs — who flew every war plane the U.S. had.

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Women Pilots Eligible For Veterans' Benefits

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) — Women pilots who ferried military planes in World War II won their fight today to be recognized as service veterans.

John C. Stetson, Secretary of the Air Force, announced that 1,097 Women's Air Forces Service Pilots who flew planes for the Army Air Corps between Sept. 10, 1942, and Dec. 20, 1944, would be considered to have served on active military service and would become eligible for benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

We have a great number of unrenewed memberships. Hopefully these are oversights. Many of us would like to be more heavily involved in work on women's issues, but are constrained by other commitments. At the March program meeting, I first heard the term "checkbook feminist." A "checkbook feminist" should not be discounted. It may be her only means of supporting the movement. We are all aware that without our dues we do not function. Our chapter policy has been to extend the newsletter for three months past membership expiration...and with the mounting costs of postage, we will be forced to adhere more closely. ...A friendly reminder to the following:

Membership expired 12/78

- Evelyn Allen
- Judy Blanchard
- Nanette Bruckner
- Twiss Butler
- Mary Buxton
- Aneta Davis
- Elizabeth Glenn
- Marilyn Kinard
- Mary McFadin
- Martha McKinley
- Etta B. "Rusty" Richards
- Dolores Smith
- Ellen K. Smith
- Sharan Vacalavik

Membership expired 1/79

- Debra Brashears
- Vikki Carr
- Susan Keene

Membership expired 2/79

- Freddie Cheddix

Membership expired 3/79

- P. C. "Cricket" Ingraham
- Nora Mertz
- Jeannene Ramon
- Betty Swartz
- Phyllis Tucker
- Linda Uljon

- 51% of the population is female.
- 1% of women hold top jobs.
- 97.6% of all secretaries are female.
- 94.2% of all typists are female.
- 1% of all registered apprentices are female.
- 4.8% of employed women earn \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, versus 22% for men.
- 23% of all multiple job holders are women.
- 40% of mothers with children under the age of 6 are working.
- 7% of American families have working daddy, dependent mamma, and two children.
- 51% of all working women are married.
- 74% of all husbands default in the first year on court-ordered child support.
- 50% of widows and single women exist on poverty-level incomes.
- 60% of all working women are clerks, saleswomen, waitresses, and hairdressers.
- 84% of all children whose mammas must work can find no government-licensed day-care places.
- 36% of all black families, 21% of all Hispanic families, and 11% of all white families are headed by women.
- 50% less income is earned by women who head families than by males who head families.
- 59%. For every dollar a man earns, a woman earns 59 cents.
- 5.8%. A nurse with 14.2 years of education earns 5.8% less than a deliveryman.
- 38%. A secretary with 13.2 years of education earns 38% less than a truckdriver with 9.0 years of education.
- 2%. Female wage increases dropped in 1977. From 7.8 to 5.8%
- 2% of all board of directorships are held by women.
- 40%. For every salesman's dollar earned, a saleswoman earns 40 cents.

A few statistics of interest to women. We "borrowed" these from the Women's Rights Coordinating Council newsletter...who had "borrowed" from an issue of "Cosmopolitan" magazine...who had "borrowed" from...??? We like to think of such "borrowing" as an extension of THE OLD GIRL'S NETWORK. May it grow ever stronger.

The University of Houston at Clear Lake City (UHCLC) is seeking a Coordinator/Counselor for the Women's Resource Service Center. Applicants should have a B.A., MUST be feminists. This is an M.A. internship. For further information contact the Center at 488-9216. The position will be filled by July 1.

ERA GARAGE SALE

when: Th. & Fr. April 26-27, 9am-5pm
 where: 15911 El Camino Real
 host: Bay Area League of Women Voters
 further info: Dot Tuite 488-1142
 proceeds: to national ERA effort

Note: LWV would appreciate donations of sale items. They will accept consignment (40% League, 60% you) on expensive items.

State Conference....by Nancy Whitecotton

The workshops I attended in Denton this weekend impressed me so strongly that I want to include a few impressions.

I made it to the closing half-hour of Peg Hall's morning Consciousness Raising workshop--in time to hear Juleen Pope from El Paso (later elected Area IV Membership Coordinator) and a woman from Kingsville expressing their profound frustration of being seemingly unable to bridge the gap between Anglos, and Chicanas at any level of feminism. The sheer futility brought to surface by these women seemed to grip every person in the room. This dead silence was broken when a tiny, gray-haired college professor from Corpus Christi rose gracefully from the floor where she was sitting and commented that she had observed differently where she teaches.

Eilse Howard says she definitely sees feminist awareness emerging among the Chicana students--only faintly visible in the freshman class but usually fully perceived by the late sophomore or junior level.

By this time, Eilse's positive input had dispelled most of the gloom and I noticed that Marge Randall was engaging a young male photographer in some C.R. for his own enlightenment. She was quietly but firmly explaining to him that we, indeed, questioned his right to enter our workshop and photograph various individuals without their or the group's permission and, more specifically, without any explanation of how he might intend to present any of the material obtained there.

The photographer became increasingly defensive, alleging personal attack, and tried to bail out of the confrontation on an injured note. Marge refused to honor this charade and kept the fellow locked in eye-to-eye while she carefully reiterated why we found his presumptuous assumptions offensive.

In the Older Women's Workshop (Saturday afternoon 3-5:30) led by Charlotte Stewart, we saw the TV film which Charlotte helped to produce: "Who Remembers Mama." No doubt many of you saw this film on Channel 8 during the past year; I didn't, however, and seeing it now was both a moving and shattering experience.

If you haven't experienced "Who Remembers Mama" and are interested in our arranging a showing, do let me know (333-5204/483-4086). If interest is widespread, we would like to consider an area-wide showing.

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The Texas N.O.W. Conference was held March 23-25 in Denton. Six Bay Area N.O.W. members attended the plenary sessions and the workshops, and maintained a chapter fundraising table. New officers:

- Coordinator: Susan Floyd, Denton
- Communications Coordinator: Teri Chandler, Dallas County
- Treasurer: Phyllis Tucker, Bay Area
- Membership Coordinator (Area II): Beth Hudman, Galveston

The Bay Area fundraising table grossed \$270--by the sale of feminist jewelry, buttons, etc. Our net proceeds will be figured and presented at the program meeting.

--Dorothy Howard

State Conference...by Dorothy Howard

ERA Workshop: Leaders: Christene Joroy, Ruth Thornton, Rene Roab

Rene Roab, Houston Area N.O.W., outlined the efforts of the E.R.A. Support Committee. This group of Houston E.R.A. supporters are promoting the economic boycott of unratified states. A full explanation of these actions will be given at our next program meeting with details on how YOU can help.

Ruth Thornton, Dallas County N.O.W., distributed National Legislative E.R.A. Phone Bank packets. These packets will be available at the next Bay Area N.O.W. program meeting.

Two resolutions were developed by this workshop:

- 1) Texas State N.O.W. will call a statewide rally in Austin on May 5 to fight recession. (The full body of Texas N.O.W. adopted this resolution with the date removed. The rally will be called ONLY if a bill should get out of a House or Senate subcommittee--thereby creating a state of emergency).
- 2) Texas State N.O.W. will coordinate picket lines on the shoulders of the highways leading into Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana (to occur on the same day) and will enlist the support of the Teamster's Union to respect the picket. This action will take place after the Texas Legislature has adjourned. (This resolution was adopted by Texas N.O.W.)

DUES

At the National N.O.W. Conference held in Washington D.C. in October 1978, the National treasurer presented the concept of uniform dues in a dues workshop. Attendees were so vehemently against this measure that the Treasurer backed off, ended the workshop and withdrew the resolution from the following day's agenda.

This concept was advanced once more at the National Board meeting held in Dallas in February. Texas will adopt this concept if approved by a majority of chapters. Marjorie Randal, Bay Area N.O.W. Treasurer, will fully explain this method of dues collection at the next meeting.

JOIN N.O.W.: Clip and mail with your check to Marjorie Randal, 1922 Redway, Houston 77062.

- I would like to become a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW. (\$27)
- I am already a member of National NOW and wish to pay chapter dues. (\$7)
- I want to join but can only afford \$_____.
- I am not a member but would like to receive the NEWSLETTER for a year. (\$4)
- I would like to make a contribution of \$_____ to NOW.
- As a NOW member, I authorize my name and address to be published on the chapter roster.

NAME _____ Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

ADDRESS _____ City and Zip _____

Occupation _____

Interests and/or skills which I can contribute to Bay Area NOW projects:

