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Own Strings

From the Pen of ♀
a Liberated Woman

Program Meeting: First... "Annual Women's History Essay Awards"
April 7, 1983 6:30 p.m.
Western Sizzlin Steakhouse 481 W. Bay Area Blvd. in Webster

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VIEW OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

When Marie Stimson was asked what we could write about her she stated "I don't know, I haven't done anything, but just say I'm the oldest, meanest, orneriest bitch they ever met." I must also relate the fact that Marie's sense of humor when it comes to writting letters to her state senator is unsurpassed. For those people who are not familiar with Marie, I will try to give a brief viewpoint. This 72 year old radical is one of the finest people I have ever met. Her energy is depressing to those of us who are younger than she. When we were marching for E.R.A. in Oklahoma last June, the temperature was horrible; the route was long; we were hungry and thristy. So what to our wandering eyes do appear, but this miniature woman yelling in our ear "Oklahoma is not o.k.; not without an e.r.a."

Marie is one of those displaced yankee's who has called Texas home for the last ten years. Her husband of fifty years passed away two years ago. Stim was a musician and a pilot. He owned the plane that Charles Lindburgh flew. After Stim died, Marie decided to go back to college to learn all about the few subjects she did not know. I'm not sure what that could be. She is presently a student at the College of the Mainland in Texas City. Marie also owns three used book stores.

In between Marie's various occupations, she has found time to devote to the women's movement. As do so many others you always look for the people who are the busiest and they can somehow find time for one more thing. Marie has taken on two. Not only is she Vice-President of our chapter, she is also the task force person on Reproductive Rights. Marie is one of those person's that make you glad to be alive. Her sparkling blue eyes make her special. I love her laughter and I highly respect her opinions. Marie left it to me to write about her and so I'll close with this "Marie is that type of person that makes Bay Area NOW one of the finest chapters in the state".

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ATTENTION....ATTENTION...BAY AREA NOW GARGE SALE

April 8 & 9, 9:00 - 4:00. We need workers, and all your garage sale items. Do your spring cleaning now and help NOW build up it's finances. The newsletter alone is costing us approximately \$100.00 per month. We can't keep it up without help. We will do pricing Thursday night, the 7th after the dinner. The sale will be held at A Uniting Church. Bring your items, your friends, your 'self' and money. Contact Judy Snyder 486-5565 or Bonnie Huval 331-0444 to volunteer.

Meeting was called to order by co-president Judy Snyder. Members in attendance were Marie Stimson, Jeanne Salatan, Judi Hoffman, Betty Yancy, Bonnie Dombroski, Colette Roberts, Pat Kuhlmann, and Phyllis Tucker. Treasurer's Report Bonnie Dombroski-cash on hand \$1266.81 with outstanding debts of NOW telephone and March newsletter. Legislative Report-Jeanne Salatan... Texas NOW has set six priorities for legislative action. (1) Child Support (2) Domestic Violence Statute Changes (3) Amendment to H.B. 292 (4) Child Care Interim Study (5) Memorialization of ERA (6) Anti-Choice Legislation. We need extensive letter-writing between now and May 1st on abortion legislation at the National level. Ways to do letter writing and contact with legislatures were discussed. We also will have a letter writing night on Wednesday, March 23. (see results elsewhere) National NOW has asked for letters and personal contact about the issue of eliminating sex discrimination in insurance. A motion was made by Jeanne Salatan that Bay Area NOW join in the organizations which are endorsing the legislation to raise the amounts of limit on aid to dependent children. The motion to join Citizens Concerned About Children was passed. Reproductive Rights-Marie Stimson... Marie announced the yellow alert from National NOW and new rape legislation being introduced at the state level. (see reproductive rights and violence against women). Consciousness Raising-Pat Kuhlmann... Pat announced that the state task force on C.R. will hold a 2 day workshop here in Houston on April 30 and May 1. The workshop is free to NOW members and will be held at U.H./Main Campus. Lesbian Rights... Phyllis Tucker announced that the district attorneys in Texas have until April 4, 1983, to appeal the decision of Judge Jerry Buchmeyer who declared section 21.06 of the Texas Criminal Code unconstitutional. Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Richardson, has introduced H.B. 2138 which would provide penalties for homosexual conduct in the state. If anyone wants copies of the bill please contact Phyllis. State Council-At the last state council meeting Pat Kuhlmann introduced the non-smoking motion. The motion to ban smoking in the meeting room while council was in session was passed with the amendment to allow the officers to smoke. A further amendment was added which allowed for 10 minute breaks every hour. This proved to be effective and productive. Media Watch... Pat Kuhlmann, Colette Roberts-Examples of ads, programs, etc. which show women in a bad image was discussed. Addresses of all major media companies will be forthcoming for members to express their views. Both positive and negative comments should be expressed. Old Business-The first annual essay contest was discussed. Two prizes will be awarded this year. First prize will be \$25.00 and a plaque. Second prize will be \$10.00 and a plaque. Judges for the contest are Pat Kuhlmann, Rema Lou Brown and Judi Hoffman. Awards

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will be presented Thursday night, April 7, 1983 at our meeting. Bill Boards-this is still in limbo. We want to approach other NOW chapters in the Houston Area to go in together and rent bill boards for recruitment purposes. The cost per chapter will be approximately \$35.00 per month. Garage Sale-Our annual garage sale will be held April 8 & 9 from 9:00 am til 4:00 pm. We desperately need people to work the sale in three hour shifts. Thursday night, the 7th, we will go from the meeting to the church to begin pricing the items. Bring tags, pens, etc. Mary Skinner has offered her garage as a collection point for those in the Friendswood area. Pat Kuhlmann has made arrangements with Houston Achievement to pick up all the leftover items. Remember this is the major fund-raiser for the chapter. Fall Seminar for High School Women-still in the planning stage. Pat Kuhlmann, Mary Skinner, Judi Hoffman, Phyllis Tucker appointed to make plans and present concrete ideas at next business meeting. Discussion on how to interest members in NOW issues. Was decided that our main focus for the next year will be the image of women in the media. This will include everything from television, radio, print, etc...We will have action parts for each of our programs. Older Women's League is forming in Houston. Contact Jeanne Salatan or Colette Roberts. Bonnie Dombroski announced that she will be moving into Houston and must resign from the position of treasurer. Her resignation was accepted with much regret, but good wishes go out to her. Meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Tucker, acting secretary

LEGISLATIVE.....JEANNE SALATAN....471-2862

It has been decided to have letter-writing sessions at least every two weeks and possibly more often if we can get the members to participate. Legislation is being introduced on every issue which is important to us and we must stay on top of these. The only way we can make an impact is to let our legislatures know how we feel. The first letter-writing session was held March 23, 1983, at A Uniting Church. Six members were present (Bonnie Huval, Pat Kuhlmann, Colette Roberts, Marie Stimson, Judi Hoffman, Phyllis Tucker and Jeanne Salatan) and produced 42 letters. Please join us. You will be contacted. Don't Forget that you can call 1-800-252-9693 to get up to date reports on Texas legislation.

A C.R. two day workshop will be held in Houston on April 30 and May 1, 1983. This workshop is free to all N.O.W. members. Learn how to conduct C.R. for your chapter. Workshop will be conducted at U.H./Main Campus. If you would like to attend contact Pat.

EDUCATION & TITLE IX...JANICE BROOKS...645-2136

SB 27 is the bill that requires the State Board of Education to consider positive comments as well as negative comments about textbooks. The bill passed the Senate and awaits House hearings

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Friday, March 11, 1983

Textbooks should be free of sexual, religious bias, board told at hearing

AUSTIN (UPI) — Women's rights supporters and representatives of an atheist organization told the State Board of Education school textbooks should be free of sexual or religious bias.

The board held a public hearing Thursday on guidelines governing the general content of schoolbooks. A vote on possible changes in the rules was scheduled for Saturday.

Most of the comments on guidelines focused on technical wording and rules about the scheduling of public meetings, but several witnesses said the board should ensure that books contained no sexual or religious bias.

"The mind-altering drug called discrimination has no place in education," said Elizabeth Judge of Houston, who urged the board to prohibit the preferential use of masculine pronouns in textbooks.

Board member Virginia Currey, who said she was testifying as a "scholar of women's studies," said texts should give more attention to women's roles in world history.

"I wish our children will see there were

a lot of various ways women worked and achieved through history," she said.

A spokesman for the American Atheists said textbook guidelines required teaching the history of Judaism, Christianity and Islam but failed to stress instruction in "the demise of religion."

"There is no indication of the relationship between the demise of religion in these civilizations and the development of science," said Richard Smith. "Another section (of the rules) should trace the development of disbelief in supernatural causes."

Michael Hudson of the anti-censorship group, People for the American Way, said the board's guidelines should emphasize teaching students "how to think, not what to think."

"Too often we hear that textbooks should present only facts and avoid teaching students critical analytical skills or to think for themselves," Hudson said.

"This narrow view of learning, in our opinion, undermines the very purpose of public education, where students should be taught how to think, not what to think."

Lauri Schneidau (527-9321) of Houston Area NOW has been appointed the new task force chair at the state level. National NOW has requested that each state do a vote count of their state to decide if it would be possible to do an ERS Memorialization. This is the process whereby state legislatures request that the National Congress pass an amendment. If you have information on where your own representative or senator stands on this issue please pass the information on to Lauri.

LESBIAN RIGHTS....PHYLLIS TUCKER....944-0033

I first heard the following when I had the privilege of participating on a panel at Women's Week in 1981, on the subject of "Lesbianism and the Feminist Movement". I have taken this off the tape of this workshop, so if Ms. Parker should by any chance see the way this is typed, I admit now to not being a English major nor poetry or prose writer. However, I wish I had the ability to convey the message she writes. Thank you Ms. Parker, wherever you are.

WHERE WILL YOU BE ?

by
Pat Parker

They will not come, the mob, rolling through the streets but, quickly and quietly move into our homes and remove...the Evil, the Queerness, the Faggotry, the Perverseness from the midsts.

They will not come clothed in brown and swastikas or bearing chests heavy with gleaming crosses.

The time and need for ruses are over.

They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs.

They will come in robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate.

And, Where Will You Be When They Come?

Where will we all be when they come?

And, they will come.

They will come because we are defined as opposite, perverse, and we are perverse.

We are perverse....

Every time we watched a queer hassled in the street and said nothing, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at coffee break, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we heard "I don't mind Gays, but why must they be so blatant?", and said nothing, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we let a Lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the Courtrooms, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we let Straights make out in our bars, but we couldn't touch because of laws, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding and left our lovers at home, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we heard "Who I go to bed with is my personal choice, it's personal, not political" and said nothing, it was an act of Perversion.

Every time we let Straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away, It was an act of Perversion.

And they will come.

They will come for the perverts.

And, It won't matter if you're homosexual not a faggot, Lesbian not a Dyke, Gay not Queer.

It won't matter if you own your own business, have a job or on SSI.

It won't matter if you are from New York, Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls.

It won't matter if you are Butch or Femme, not into roles, monogamous or not monogamous.

It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist, Atheist, Jewish or MCC.

They will come.

They will come to the cities and to the land; to your front rooms and in your closets.

They will come for the perverts, AND

WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN THEY COME??????????????????

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS...MARIE STIMSON....338-2009

Yellow Alert from National NOW. Following two days of hearing on Sen. Thomas Eagleton's anti-abortion constitutional amendment, substitute for Sen. Orrin Hatch's "Human Life Federalism Amendment", Hatch announced he would bring an actual proposed anti-abortion amendment up for a vote in April in his Subcommittee on the Constitution. Senator Eagleton (D-MO) constitutional amendment would repeal the ROE decision, giving the state and the federal government the same power to restrict or prohibit abortion they had before 1973. Please send letters to Tower and Bentsen requesting that they assist in defeating the Hatch and the Eagleton bills. The address is Senator....., U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510



'Not a Love Story'

NOT A LOVE STORY — ESMA Film release produced by the National Film Board of Canada. Directed by Bonnie Sherr Klein. At the Greenway III. Running time: 75 minutes. This film is not rated.

By **JOE LEYDON**

Bonnie Sherr Klein's *Not a Love Story*, billed as "a motion picture about pornography," is shallow, subjective and stridently didactic. It should be seen, but not necessarily believed.

Klein preaches interminably to those already converted to feminism, damning pornography as a secret weapon in sexual warfare. (Her definition of pornography, however, may be different from yours.) According to Klein, sexually explicit films, slick men's magazines and live sex shows drain the love from lovemaking, and reduce women to sex objects.

Men suffer, too, of course. (But only heterosexual men — discussion of gay porn is conspicuously absent.) During an interview segment, former skin flick star Marc Stevens complains women expect too much from him because of the sexual stamina he evidences in X-rated movies. Stevens may be sincere, but he sounds slightly — well, like someone you'd hear during a sketch on *Saturday Night Live* or *Second City Television*. Can't you just imagine Stevens as a guest on *SCTV's* Sammy Maudlin Show? ("Geez, Sammy, you don't know how greedy these women can be!")

Review

EXCEPT FOR STEVENS, there is very little comic relief in Klein's solemn documentary. True, one might laugh at the tortured rationalizations of Linda Lee Tracey, a stripper whose consciousness Klein tries to raise. (Tracey calls her act "my vehicle of expression, my way of communicating.") For the most part, though, *Not a Love Story* is as serious as it is simplistic.

Klein's main thesis — pornography degrades and dehumanizes women — is intriguing, and worthy of the discussion her documentary will surely provoke. But to hammer home her points, Klein focuses almost exclusively on the kinkiest, most sadistic porn movies and magazines. Thus, she eschews rational arguments, and aims at gut-level

responses.

And she's very effective. It's hard not to share her sense of outrage while viewing films and magazines that have women bound, gagged, and strapped into various humiliating positions. Certainly, as more than one interview subject says, this is violence against women.

But Klein tries to make the most repulsive pornography representative of all sexually-oriented entertainment. To buy this film's point of view, you must accept the dubious notion that a relatively tame magazine like *Playboy*, or a sex farce like *Deep Throat*, is just as threatening, just as insidious, as sleazy peep show films that openly advocate raping, beating and/or mutilating women.

KLEIN'S DOCUMENTARY is as unbalanced, and dangerously inaccurate, as William Friedkin's notorious *Cruising*, a film that tried to make a sadomasochistic subculture represent all homosexuals. Worse still, by concentrating so much on porn, Klein has little time to deal with degrading images of women in advertising, mass media and mainstream motion pictures. And yet it is from these, rather than porno films, that most impressionable people develop their attitudes about sexual stereotypes.

Instead of searching for the kinkiest flicks to be found on New York City's 42nd Street, she might have done better to examine the image of women projected in mad-slasher horror movies, where human beings really are reduced to objects for entertainment. After all, a movie like *Friday the 13th* reaches many more people than your average S&M bondage fantasy.

KLEIN DOESN'T offer any cures for the porno blight she bemoans. She stops just short of calling for government-run censorship boards, but it appears that's what she wants. Still, even though it abounds in dishonesty, overstatement and rigged arguments, *Not a Love Story* demands responses, provokes thought, forces a viewer to re-evaluate assumptions. For those reasons alone, it is a documentary worth your time and attention.

But be forewarned: *Not a Love Story* may offend the very people most likely to share its point of view. To illustrate the evils of porn, the documentary uses pornographic films and photos. Keep that in mind before busying your church group or women's club over to the Greenway III.

'Not a Love Story' not love story

First of all, a credentials check: *Not a Love Story* (at the Greenway 3; unrated) is a documentary about pornography in which there is footage from pornographic films and of live sex shows.

This is echoic of the films titled *Sexual Freedom in Denmark* that played the rent-a-raincoat theaters back in the early '70s. They were billed as "documentaries" because the distributors' lawyers believed sober voice-over narration containing a few statistics was a "redeeming social merit," which satisfied the Supreme Court obscenity test.

Not a Love Story I herewith certify as 100 percent not a rent-a-raincoat film. Intentions are totally legit.

Everybody's got glands. If the images from the film squeeze any of yours, it's not what its makers had in mind. The film was produced under the auspices of nothing less than the National Film Board of Canada — more auspicious than which you practically cannot get — and made by a collective of women, clearly feminists, who so despise the injury pornography does to women that they sometimes are reduced to tears.

As director Bonnie Sherr Klein moves from interviews with feminists of the Kate Millet-Margaret Atwood stature, to what used to be called "rap sessions" among themselves, to interviews with workers of the porn industry, a ghost of a narrative line develops around one of the participants: a Toronto stripper named Linda Lee Tracy.

She's an articulate, thoughtful woman completely at ease with what she's doing and who works hard at being an entertainer (when she finishes her act, she's covered with sweat), with no contempt for the men who pay to look at her. To satisfy her curiosity, she becomes a member of the filmmaking collective, walking with them into the very depths of New York's 42nd Street sex bazaar, volunteering to pose for a Hustler photographer (a woman) to see what it was like (she didn't like herself for what she found herself doing). In the process, she has her consciousness raised.

The film is polemical but hasn't a hint of stridency. The filmmakers are never confrontational with the pornmakers they clearly despise. The pornmakers are allowed to discredit themselves by their weasly hypocrisy (intending no reflections upon weasels).

I had one problem with it. This is very likely gender defensiveness, but here goes. Perhaps because they figured it was a complicated can of worms which would chew up too much screen time, the filmmakers don't get into the freedom-of-expression issue. Not what their film is about: To them, porn is not a free-speech issue; it's an abuse-of-women issue.

It seems obligatory that the freedom-of-expression can be opened, and the worms allowed to slither to this extent: Their film would be strengthened had they tried to distinguish pornography from the eroticism and explicitness to which they do not seem to object, if they do indeed endorse Kate Millet's on-screen endorsement.

This is utterly impossible to do, of course, but there's an implied obligation at least to take a stab at it: Forget the law books. Just say "As women, we do not not object to this; we do object to this." Defining terms would have made the film clearer and its arguments more persuasive. One gets the feeling of an opportunity lost: Since they were working with film and had evidence on hand, they had more tools than those struggling in print to make the definition.

In the absence of example, we just aren't sure what the filmmakers are deploring. That seems to leave us with this definition of the evil: Pornography is those sexual images which men like to look at.

— JEFF MILLAR

Many, many thanks must go to Karen and Manuel Fustes for their grand assistance in printing our labels each month. They are keeping our list up to date. Thank You.....

Bar where rape occurred dismantled

Police say woman assaulted by 4 men as onlookers cheered

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — Workmen using a chainsaw dismantled a blue collar bar where police say a woman was repeatedly raped by four men on a pool table as other patrons cheered.

Big Dan's tavern was shut down Wednesday after the owner's sister voluntarily turned over its license to the city's Licensing Board. On Thursday, a sign on the door read "This place is closed," as workers cleaned out furniture, cut up the bar and removed tables, chairs and the pool table.

Despite the closing, a coalition of women's groups in this southeastern Massachusetts city announced plans to stage a candlelight march on City Hall next Monday to protest the rape. And the switchboard at the New Bedford police station has been jammed with calls from people expressing anger over the attack.

"The phone was ringing all night," said desk officer Henry Nichols. "They were very, very mad. They said they should hang the suspects."

Rita Moniz, a leader of the protest coalition, said the closing of the bar "unfortunately, is not going to stop rapes in New Bedford. We weren't protesting that particular bar as much as we're showing our outrage."

According to police, the rape occurred Sunday night after a 21-year-old woman went into the bar to buy a pack of cigarettes and stayed to have a drink with a friend. When she tried to leave, a man grabbed her and dragged her to a pool table, where she was repeatedly raped for at least two hours.

"It is our information that at least some of the men were watching and cheering," said police Sgt. Ronald R. Cabral.

Cabral said the bartender, Carlo Machado, told

police he gave a patron a dime to call the police, but the customer dialed a wrong number.

Asked why none of the 10 patrons in the bar tried to help the woman, Cabral said: "They were scared. Everybody said they were afraid to do anything for fear they would get beaten up."

The woman finally broke free and ran out, still naked from the waist down. She flagged down a car, and the driver took her to a telephone where she called police. She was treated at Parkwood Hospital.

Four men were charged with rape in the case and were released on \$1,000 bail each. District Attorney Ronald A. Pina said he would seek indictments against them next week.

David Arruda, owner of Mauricio's Market next door to the bar, said neighbors have long complained about the place.

"There are lots of problems — drinking outside the bar, throwing bottles, talking dirty, so much noise at night," he said.

Licensing Board Chairman Maurice Levesque said the liquor and entertainment licenses for Big Dan's had been issued to Debora Brum of North Dartmouth, because her brother, John M. Machado, the actual owner, is not a U.S. citizen.

"She cried. We both had a good cry," said Clarice Pateakos, a clerk at the Licensing Board. "She was very glad to turn the license in so nothing more would happen."

Levesque vowed that the tavern would stay closed.

"As far as I'm concerned, the license will never be returned until justice is done," he said. "I don't want to see this happen again in New Bedford."

WOMEN'S WEEK VII at UH/CLC

Women's Week VII begins at UH/CLC on April 4, 1981, with a keynote address by Shana Alexander at 7:30 p.m. Shana is one of the founder's of the National Women's Political Caucus and a long-time journalist. She will speak on issues and concerns of women from two perspectives--societal-sociological and individual-personal. Tickets for this event will be \$3 for UH/CLC students, faculty and staff and \$5 for the general public.

The week will conclude with a concert by singer/songwriter Margie Adam. Margie has appeared in concert on campus before during the Judy Chicago Dinner Party exhibition. This concert will also be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Nanette Bruckner. Advance tickets are \$5-\$7. At the door \$8. On Sunday, April 10 at noon Margie will present a free workshop entitled "Women and Creativity".

Workshops are scheduled from 10:00 - 8:45 Tuesday through Thursday and from 10:00 to 3:00 Friday. Saturday has a workshop from 1:00 to 3:00. For copies of the schedule see UH/CLC.

*EDITORIAL COMMENT: This writer first became aware of the women's movement through Women's Week I. Until that time I didn't even know that women had rights. I was not aware that women had the right to be people, real person's, who could control their own bodies, thoughts and being. What an eye opener that week was? Through that week I met the wonderful people that were to assist in changing my life. The people that I believe have aided in making me a whole person. Mentors, some of us call them. People like Marge Randal, Rema Lou Brown, Dorothy Howard, Jeanne Salatan, Betty Yancy, Evie Whitsett, Pokey Anderson, Carolyn Waddell and so many more. Nan Bruckner conducted a workshop on Lesbianism. At 38 I didn't even know what the word meant. I found out about credit, property rights, books I had never heard of, music that was women oriented, reproductive rights, and on and on. My education was a mind blowing affair that still goes on. I am distressed that of the 36 workshops being offered 14 are conducted by males. Don't get me wrong. I know some wonderful men that I love and respect such as Jim Brown, Jerry Yancy, Lou McFaddin, Bob Doughty, Bill Royster. But, why must a week devoted to educating and assisting women to develop to our full potential do we have to have 39% of the workshops conducted by males? Is it the paternalistic mood of the University; Is it the paternalistic mood of society? I don't know. I just know that it distresses me and in some way's frightens me greatly. I hope next year will be different.

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Volunteers are needed to assist Feminist Resource Services during Women's Week VII in selling buttons, mugs, etc. This is an official fundraiser for F.R.S., and if you can donate a few hours, your help will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer please leave a message with UH/CLC student activities for F.R.S. at 488-9466.

O.W.L. - Older Women's League is forming a Houston Area Chapter. Some of the issues to be discussed and implemented include Social Security, Pension Equity, Access to health insurance, Access to jobs (reentry and others), End to budget cuts at the expense of women, Care-givers support services, and Security for persons in need.

Since many of us will be older women at some time, it is important to be aware of the issues impacting all older women. For further information...next meeting Wednesday, March 23. Houston Area Women's Center, or call Jeanne Salatan or Colette Roberts.

BAY AREA N.O.W. CALENDAR

- APR. 4 - 10 WOMEN'S WEEK AT UH/CLC
- APR. 4 SHANA ALEXANDER Keynote Speaker, Women's Week at UH/CLC 7:30 p.m. Bayou Building Auditorium
Tickets \$3.00 Students \$5.00 General Public
- APR. 7 BAY AREA N.O.W. PROGRAM MEETING....Essay Contest Awards Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Western Sizzlin Steakhouse 481 W. Bay Area Blvd. Webster
- APR. 8 & 9 BAY AREA N.O.W. GARAGE SALE A Uniting Church El Camino Real & Reseda 9:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m.
- APR. 9 Margie Adam in Concert 8:00 p.m. UH/CLC Bayou Building Auditorium
- APR. 15-17 South Central Regional Conference Arlington, Texas
- APR. 20 BAY AREA N.O.W. Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. A Uniting Church El Camino & Reseda
- APR. 21 N.O.W. MEMBERSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA Kathy Webb, N.O.W. National Secretary 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Kaphan's Restaurant 7900 South Main Houston
Tickets \$10.00
- APR. 23-24 TEXAS N.O.W. State Council Austin, Texas
- APR. 29 Meg Christian in Concert 8:00 p.m. Cullen Auditorium UH/Main Campus
- May 5 BAY AREA N.O.W. Program Meeting 7:30 p.m. A Uniting Church El Camino & Reseda

BAY AREA NOW POSITIONS/RESOURCE CONTACTS

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ADVERTISING RATES

Co-Presidents	Judy Snyder	486-5565	Full Page	\$50.00
	Bonnie Huval	331-0444	Half Page	25.00
Vice President	Marie Stimson	338-2009	1/4 Page	12.50
Secretary	Donna Berend	1-948-8896	3 line personal ad	5.00
Treasurer	Bonnie Dombroski	471-1594		
Newsletter	Phyllis Tucker	944-0033		
Membership	<u>VACANT</u>			
Legislative	Jeanne Saletan	471-2862		
Consciousness Raising	Pat Kuhlmann	488-3278		
Education & Title IX	Janice Brooks	645-2136		
E.R.A.	<u>VACANT</u>			
Fundraising	Dorothy Howard	486-0752		
Lesbian Rights	Phyllis Tucker	944-0033		
Publicity	Pat Kuhlmann	488-3278		
	Collette Roberts	280-8440		
Reproductive Rights	Marie Stimson	338-2009		
Telephone Team	Judy Snyder	486-5565		
Texas NOW State	Pat Kuhlmann	488-3278		
Council Delegates	Judi Hoffman	944-0033		
	Nike Carstarphen	1-763-8006		
Violence Against Women	Becky Monroe	486-8616		

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN N.O.W. Clip and mail to Bonnie Dombroski P. O. BOX 732 LA PORTE, TX 77571

- _____ I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW, Texas NOW and National NOW (\$35.00)
- _____ I want to be a member of Bay Area Now, Texas Now and National Now and can afford dues of \$ _____
(Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$11 to \$35)
- _____ I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter (\$8.00)
- _____ I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year (\$5.00)
- _____ I am making a contribution of \$ _____ to NOW.
- _____ I authorize my name and address to be printed on the NOW roster for members.

NAME _____
 HOME ADDRESS _____
 TOWN, STATE, ZIP _____
 PRECINCT NUMBER _____ (from voter registration card)
 HOME PHONE _____ OTHER PHONE _____

14 1983 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The South Central Regional Conference will be in Arlington, Texas April 15-17. The theme of the conference is "When Women Join Hands, All Things Are Possible". Kathy Webb, National NOW secretary, is the keynote speaker and will conduct a chapter development & motivation workshop.

Registration/credentialing begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday, the 15th. Child care will be available 8:00 a.m. til 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th and 8:00 am til 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Two plenary sessions and two workshop sessions are scheduled on Saturday and one each on Sunday.

The conference is where we will elect the three regional board members for our region. The South Central Region includes Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas. The following persons are running for board position at the present time; Mary Calk (president, Texas NOW), Trisha Gallegos (president, Colorado NOW), Myrna Finke (board member-New Mexico), Bonnie Huval (vice-president, Communications, Texas NOW), Colette Roberts (board member-Texas), Linda Woody (president, Kansas NOW)

HOTEL REGISTRATION

1983 South Central Regional Conference
April 15-17, 1983

RETURN TO: The Flagship Inn, 601 Avenue H East, Arlington, Texas 76011

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____

Reservations received after April 1 will be confirmed on a space available basis.

Please reserve the following:

Single	\$45.00	Please contact hotel for suite rates.
Double	50.00	
Triple	55.00	
Quad	60.00	

Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Checkout time is 1:00 P.M.

My roommate(s) is/are _____

Note: Please submit only one hotel registration form per room.

URGENT: Reservations require first night's deposit in advance. Please include it with your registration. To cancel - 72 hours notice is required.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Flagship Inn - Arlington, Texas
Fri., Apr. 15 - Sun., Apr. 17

YOU MUST PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____
(last, first, middle) (member ID number)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a NOW member? (circle one) YES NO

___ Individual registration fee postmarked on or before April 1, 1983. \$30

___ Individual registration fee postmarked after April 1, 1983. \$35

___ I cannot afford the full fee; enclosed is what I can afford (applies to NOW members only). \$ _____

___ I cannot attend the conference, but here's a contribution to assist others with costs.

NOTE: Registration fee after April 1: \$35. DO NOT mail registrations after April 7th. Bring the form and money with you.

___ I will need special assistance, due to disability: (circle)
interpreters for deaf readers for blind wheelchair access
mobility assistant other _____

SEND TO: '83 South Central Regional NOW Conference, P.O. Box 1811, Ft. Worth, TX

REQUEST FOR EXHIBITORS INFORMATION

Please complete the following - type or print.

I/We wish to reserve display space at the 1983 South Central Regional NOW
Please send complete exhibition information.

Name of your organization/company _____

Contact person: (name) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone () _____

This is a request for information only. Detailed information and exhibitor's agreement will be sent to you upon receipt of this request.

Return this form to: Tarrant County National Organization for Women, P.O. Box 1811
Fort Worth, Texas 76113. Attention: Regional Conference - Exhibits

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REAL WOMAN QUIZ #3

- Q. How many Real Women does it take to change a light bulb?
- A. None. Real Women don't try to change light bulbs. They accept them for what they are.

REAL WOMEN DON'T PUMP GAS