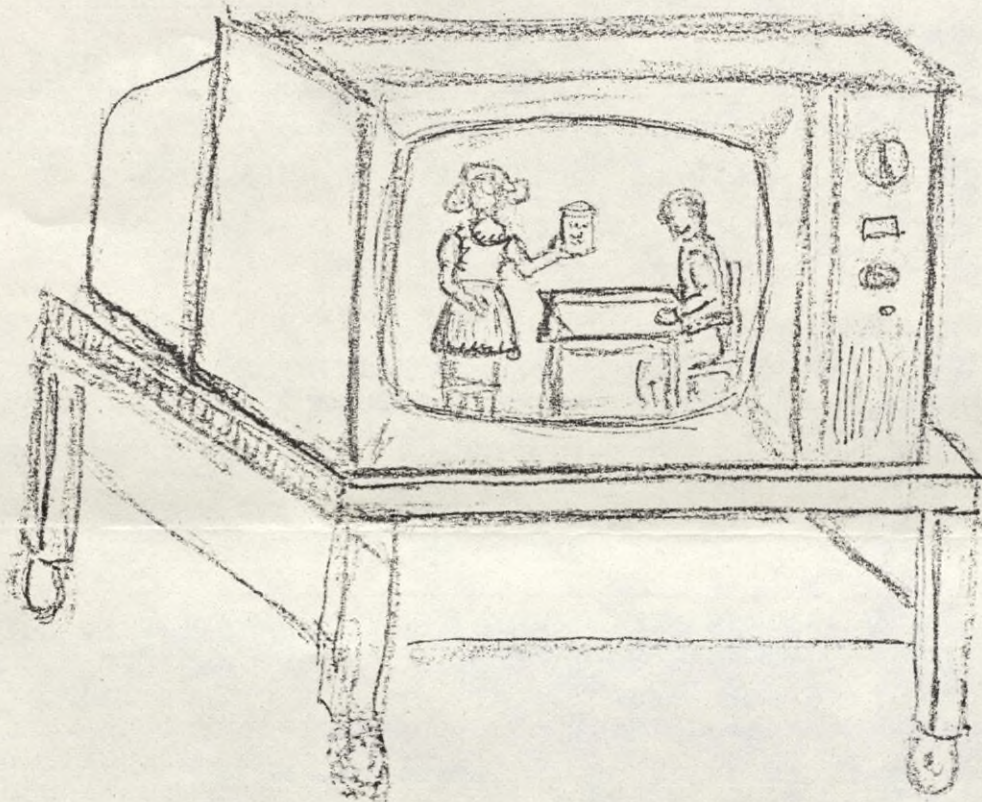




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National Organization for Women

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CAN THIS MONSTER BE SAUED?

April 2, 1981 7:30 p.m. Change of meeting place: UHCLC, Room 1-316

Program Chair: Betty Yancey, phone 337-1383

Suzanne Bloom and Ed Hill, artists and teachers at the University of Houston Main Campus, will present Ed's videotape titled "The," which deals with images, sounds, and messages of broadcast television.

WANTED: Are you a person who is enthusiastic? Do you recognize our need to inform the public correctly as to the real goals of NOW? Are you interested in helping women to get the recognition they deserve? Then you should apply NOW to be BANOW public information task force chair!! The position will give you experience and contacts with the working press of the area. Minimal typing and writing skills helpful but not mandatory. Help us to humanize feminism for the general public. Contact Pat Kuhlmann, 488-3278, immediately.

WANTED: This position is for the person who wants to stay informed on a critical public issue and who will keep others informed of attempts to undermine a major basic freedom. BANOW needs a chair for the Reproductive Rights Task Force!!! This position must be filled immediately. Texas NOW has an active Repro Rights Task Force that will give you help with materials and action cues. Contact Pat Kuhlmann, 488-3278, NOW!!

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

- March 28: Women and Religion Task Force meeting--see BANOW News item.
March 29: SW Houston Neighborhood Call--anti-HLA public awareness**
March 30: Women's Lobby '81 Alliance meeting--see BANOW News item
April 2: BA NOW meeting--UH/CLC Room 1-316
April 4: Houston Women TAKE BACK THE NIGHT--see BA NOW News item
April 7: Austin Trek--Major hearing schedule on variety of compulsory pregnancy bills in state legislature. You are NEEDED!***
April 15: BA NOW business meeting and deadline for BANOW News for May. 7:30 PM 1529 Bonanza
June 26-28: Texas NOW State Convention in Dallas, Tx.

**SW Houston Neighborhood Call: Volunteers are needed to help with anti-HLA petition drive and build public awareness of the compulsory pregnancy move in Texas. Assemble at 1 pm for orientation and materials at the Southwest Women's Clinic, 6565 Demoss. (Behind the Safeway at the intersection of Bellaire and Hillcroft.) The walk will be from 2 pm to 6 pm. Call Jean Saletan, 471-2862, for information or car pool!!

***Read the Women's Lobby '81 Alliance materials for more information on the trek to Austin--Plan on making this freedom ride and bring your friends!

Save those aluminum cans--Coors is making regular contributions to our treasury (poetic justice) through the efforts of Betty Yancey to collect cans and redeem them. Make Coors pay. Call Betty Yancey, 337-1383.

The ultraright wing may not be satisfied even if they manage to get a Constitutional ban against abortions. In the November 24, 1980, "National Right to Life News," Burke Balch, past president of a group called National Youth Pro-life Coalition, commented that a so-called Human Life Amendment wouldn't work effectively without a network of informers. He suggests that antiabortion forces set up such an informants' network throughout the country to monitor "through the grapevines of community gossip . . . the performance of surreptitious abortions."

Donald Pomerleau, appointee to President Ronald Reagan's "Administration of Justice" task force, thinks that all women are "little balls of fluff." Pomerleau is the police commissioner for the city of Baltimore, Maryland. He was testifying in a sex-discrimination suit brought by four female police officers contending that men with lower test scores were promoted to sergeants ahead of more qualified women. Pomerleau told the court that he thinks "all women are little balls of fluff in the eyes of the Creator. It's an endearing term I would use to describe my wife." —HER SAY

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PRESENTS:

A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
 SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1981
 U.T. SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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8:00 - 9:00 Registration
 9:00 - 10:15 Opening Remarks by Dr. Nikki van Hightower,
 Executive Director of Houston Area Women's
 Center; and panel presentation: "Women Who
 Have Survived Violence"
 10:30 - 12:00 Session I Workshops
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
 1:00 - 2:30 Session II Workshops
 2:45 - 4:15 Session III Workshops
 4:30 - 5:00 Wrap-up: "Where Do We Go From Here?"

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Incest*	Self-Defense	Racism
Rape*	Political Action	Prostitution*
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Sunday school leader has varied background

by BRENDA DICKERSON

When Heather Amuny married eight years ago, she had already had a college education and three careers. Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, she went to college at SMU for two years, then graduated from Southwestern in Memphis. She taught English literature in Atlanta, Georgia for a year to eighth, ninth, and tenth graders.

She returned to Memphis and became (after six interviews) the first woman management trainee hired by Southern Bell Telephone Company in the state of Tennessee. About that experience, she had this to say: "They told me they realized they would have to determine if they could take college graduate women to put in the management training program with the men."

She trained for two weeks in Nashville with 17 men, then spent about six months afterwards "performing the actual jobs that I would be hiring people to do."

Following training, she worked for a year and a half in the personnel department. Part of her job consisted of being the college and career representative for the company. In that position, Amuny visited all the area high schools on career day.

After working with Southern Bell a total of two years, her father felt that she was working too hard with extra hours of preparation for her job.

"My father really influenced me," she said. "He had always wanted me to work with Delta. He said, 'You really ought to enjoy these years while you're

young and single.'"

Taking his advice to heart, she did apply and found she needed to lose ten pounds and "get rid of all the blemishes on my face."

A dieting regimen was begun and one day when she felt she had lost the required pounds and blemishes, she returned to Delta and was accepted to begin training as a stewardess.

What followed were eight years with Delta, four as a stewardess and four as a supervisor.

Regarding her career with Delta, Heather recalled, "I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed dealing with the customers and their problems. It was kind of amazing for me to learn the influence you can have on people with a positive attitude."

During the years with the airline, two events shaped her future. She met Jack Amuny, a graphic artist who lived in Houston and some time after that she met Jesus Christ and became a Christian.

Amuny became a Christian through a girlfriend in Memphis who invited her to Bible study groups where she was first confronted with the idea that Jesus loved her and had a plan for her life.

"It began to come through to me that what I had always been looking for was a simple relationship with God."

After asking Jesus to come into her life, Heather began sharing with her husband how her attitudes were changing.

"He begun to realize it was unlikely that we would ever get together without him becoming a Christian too."

She had to transfer from Memphis to New Orleans when Delta closed the supervisory office in Memphis, and she promptly got involved with Christian Women's Club in her new city of residence.

Frances Hunter (of the team of Charles and Frances Hunter, authors, lecturers and guiding forces behind City of Light outside Houston,) was scheduled to speak to the CWC and Amuny was asked to drive her in from the airport.

During the drive, Heather confided that she had a boyfriend in Houston who was not saved. Frances Hunter said, "Just send him over for Thursday night Bible study."

After Heather passed along the invitation, Jack found himself driving toward the Hunter's home one Thursday night.

"He asked Christ into his heart under their guidance," she recalled.

Shortly after that, the Hunters announced that they had both received "baptism by the Holy Spirit" with speaking in tongues and left the church they were working with at that time to begin their own ministry.

"At that point, Jack began to believe that the Lord would ultimately bring us together and God did that," she said.

The Amunys feel that the Lord brought them together, changed their innate differences and gave them a "strength and solidarity" in their marriage.

When they married, she quit her job with Delta to be a fulltime homemaker and eventually a mother, of Heather Elizabeth, now six.

In giving up the career that she had trained for and progressed in for eight years, Heather based her decision on her own feelings and study of the Word of God.

"I do believe there is a woman's role and like everything else that has a rule, there is an exception. I would say the most stable, happy people are those who are obedient to the word of God. In my experience, I have never known a truly happy person who was not married."

Her strong feelings about the roles of men and women are based on biblical principles and have caused her to become somewhat politically active. Although she has cut back on political involvement lately, due to taking on the responsibility of Sunday School superintendent at Philadelphia Church, she still subscribes to the Phyllis Schlafly Report through contributions to the Eagle Forum. (This is the primary organization working against ratification of ERA.)

Last year the Post printed a letter to the editor that Heather had written in opposition to abortion. On the day when replies were printed, she was put in the same category as Mother Teresa in Sound Off's title.

Also last year, she participated in a textbook screening and eventually testified in Austin. She was especially pleased that a literature textbook she alone testified against, was not chosen for curriculum.

To Comment Write:
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As for feminist movement, she had this to say, "If I were going to fight for women's liberty, the first thing I would do is go into the schools and teach obedience to authority and sexual morality."

"If they want to promote women, I think *Cosmopolitan* magazine should stop putting women on the covers with their bosoms hanging out."

To the issue of equality of men and women, she had this to say, "Surely we're just as good as men, but I'm not going to prove anything by hopping into bed with any Tom, Dick or Harry, having my body hanging out of my clothes, smoking Virginia Slims, sitting on a bar stool!"

To women who are angry with their position in society: "Hate and anger do not produce positive results, they only produce more hate and anger."

Sexual promiscuity: "If we teach our young girls to be sexually pure (until marriage) we won't need abortion clinics and venereal disease clinics."

And returning full circle to her Christian faith: "Remember, no one has become so degraded in life that God doesn't love them, and through his son Jesus Christ has forgiveness and a beautiful life for them."

Feminists identify with religion

by BRENDA DICKERSON

Politicians and clergy, lobbyists and laity have agreed that the powerful Religious Right, often called the Moral Majority was a principle element in the election of Ronald Reagan and the conservative members of Congress. Members of the Texas chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) agree with them. That is why the Women and Religion Task Force was recently reactivated in Texas.

The task force will monitor the activities of the religious right wing in Texas and demand equal media time when religious activists criticize feminist aims.

Another object of the task force is to improve the negative image many people hold of feminists.

"Opponents have painted a picture of NOW members and feminists in general as heathen harlots," says Sandy Warren of Houston, the task force's newly appointed chair.

"This simply is not true," she continues. "Many of our members and other feminists are just as active in their organized religions, including some of fundamentalist faiths as they are in the women's movement. Our membership includes several women ministers."

Goals of the task force are to expose the politics of religion and who benefits from it, promote religious understanding among its own (NOW) members and the general public, develop aids to help feminists work within their own religions, provide guides for the recruitment of members of all faiths into NOW, disseminate informa-



Sandy Warren

tion on feminist religious issues, work with organized religions and religious groups that are on record as supporting the same issues and conduct religious feminist workshops.

In addition, the task force will offer information on alternative religions, mystical and spiritual organizations and philosophies for women who have felt a need for a spiritual outlet with a belief in a higher power, but who have been turned off by the sexism in many organized religions and esoteric groups.

"This is not to say we will promote participation in cults like that of Jim Jones," Warren stresses. "We will however, collect information on detrimental cults and such for our own protection."

Warren has been in the women's movement since 1969, but didn't join NOW until 1975. She had two stints in the Navy and at one time spent a year

at Guantanamo Base in Cuba as one of the few women stationed there. She has also been a journalist in Colombia, Missouri and her hometown of Longview, Texas.

When she was discharged from the Navy in Norfolk, Virginia (where she first joined NOW), she spent a summer working at the Association for Research and Enlightenment/The Edgar Cayce Foundation at nearby Virginia Beach. She also took a correspondence course from the Arcane School which is located in the United Nations Building ("It's not a religion, it's more of a philosophy," she says.)

Not all her religious experience has been esoteric, however. She spent her early

childhood in a Baptist church and still has the Bible she received for perfect attendance at Vacation Bible School.

Her teen years were spent attending a Methodist church, and she has visited Seventh Day Adventist,

Catholic, and Episcopal churches.

She was baptized in a Southern Baptist Church in her early thirties, but now belongs to no one organized religion. "I think because I'm not a member of any organized religion, I'll do a better job (as chair of the task force), she says.

Her involvement and ultimate volunteering to chair the Women and Religion Task Force came not only from her study of various religions and her membership in NOW, but from reading a two

part article by Gloria Steinam who compared the ultra-religious right of America with the Nazis of Germany. (The article, called "Nazi Connection" appeared in October and November issues of Ms. magazine.)

"This (article) has terrified a lot of feminists," Warren said.

Warren considers herself a moderate feminist, but concedes

that many factions, such as the religious right would see her as a radical because she believes in gay rights, reproductive rights and ERA.

Her own view of a radical feminist is "one who believes in violent overthrow of the government to achieve their goals, hates men and would like to see them all disposed of."

As to Warren's view of God, she has this to say, "I think of God as a

higher power, a cosmic consciousness."

Sandy Warren was glad, and a little surprised to find many NOW members are active in their religions. She's eager to meet many of them and discuss any conflicts they may have encountered by being active in both areas.

In conclusion, she says, "The more I study and keep up with current events, the more inseparable religion and politics appear."

TEXAS NOW WOMEN AND RELIGION TASK FORCE
10802 Kingspoint, #804
Houston, TX 77075

March 11, 1981

Because of your interest in Women and Religion, you are invited to a strategy meeting sponsored by Texas NOW Women and Religion Task Force.

The Texas NOW Women and Religion Task Force is considering action to challenge the Moral Majority and other far right religious groups for their opposition to women's rights. Any action would also we hope, educate us, reach out to persons yet un-involved in feminism, have some value in getting public (media) attention to the problems for women posed by such religious groups, and support and explain NOW's positions in the area of women and religion.

At the moment, it appears that a workshop, tentatively titled something like "Feminists as Redeemers: Saving God from the Patriarchs," is a feasible first step in accomplishing these aims.

The strategy meeting to plan some action, possibly a workshop, will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 1981, at the home of National NOW Women and Religion Task Force member, JoAnn Evansgardner, 4393 N. MacGregor Way, Houston, Tx. 77004.

We hope you can come and help us with your ideas.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

For Equality,

Sandy Warren,
Texas NOW Women & Religion Task Force Chair

TO TEXAS N.O.W. CHAPTERS: PLEASE USE IN NEWSLETTERS, ETC.

The entertainment committee of the 1981 Texas N.O.W. Convention (to be held in Dallas- June 26-28th) is looking for feminist performers who would like to share their music with an appreciative audience. The format will be informal, with drinks available, intermissions and opportunities for people to look at exhibits while listening to the entertainment in the front of the ballroom. We are looking for 6 to 10 acts (includes Friday night music) to play approximately 15 minutes each. The number of people wishing to perform and possibilities of performance times will decide the final time requirements and number of acts. We need performers from all over the state-so do not be shy- you will really enjoy the program and the chance to compare notes with other singers, writers, pickers, etc. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR "PROFESSIONAL" ENTERTAINERS ONLY -THE FORMAT WILL BE COMFORTABLE FOR THOSE WITH CONCERT EXPERIENCE AND FOR THOSE WHO PLAY FOR FRIENDS ONLY.

Our committee is auditioning potential performers and we are asking those outside of the Dallas area to make a cassette tape-DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BIG PRODUCTION- just be clear. Please send tapes to us immediately since we will be making our final decisions April 25th to allow time for publicity deadlines. We are looking for feminist material in addition to suitability to the particular format we are presenting. Bands would be great but may not be practical due to set up time problems-but send a tape if you're interested.

MONEY- We have none- We are hoping that the desire to participate in the women's movement will be enough incentive-there is also the possibility of publicity and future contacts- but alas- no dough. After the live music part we are planning a dance with either live music or taped. The evening should be fun and possibly raise money for Texas N.O.W.

If your repertoire includes children's songs (Malvina Reynolds fans out there?) or you just enjoy entertaining children- please let us know.

Send your audition tapes to Entertainment Committee, C/o Dallas County N.O.W., P.O. Box 140158, Dallas, Texas 75214. or Call 214-742-6918 for information. Letters and tapes preferred.

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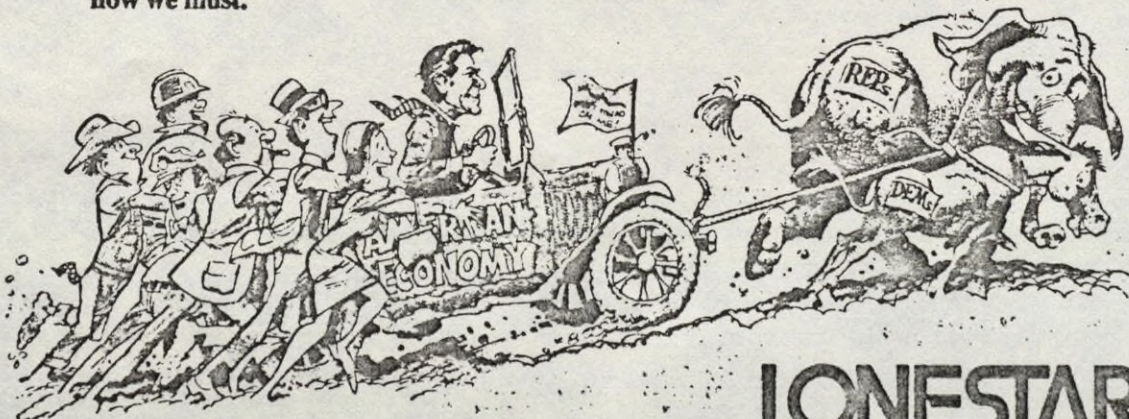
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BANOW LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE LAUNCHES MAJOR LETTER-WRITING DRIVE IN APRIL

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- Nora Mertz 554-6738
- Sandra DeVasier 948-0836
- Jeanne Saletan 471-2862

Each of our BANOW members has been "assigned" to one of the people above who will be your contact person on legislative action. Do not hesitate to call them or offer your assistance. Right now we need to generate a large amount of mail to legislators in Texas and in Washington on reproductive freedom. We are in danger of losing it. Every pen is needed this month.

We must do with pen and paper and xerox machines what the "m & m's" can do with computers. How come the mail on Reproductive Rights is running 4 to 1 against us when the polls are 4 to 1 in our favor? What can YOU do?

Write a personal letter on the issue. Duplicate it "x" times and send it to each of your own legislators (U.S. and Texas) plus each member of the Texas committees which are controlling these bills. Refer to your March newsletter for names or to the blue guide you received in the mail. The person who sent your mailing is your contact person. Call me if you did not receive the mailing or are unassigned. Please sign up others to join our network. Non-members are asked to subscribe to our newsletter at \$5 per year to receive legislative information. We need and welcome the support and money of men so include friends, spouses, co-workers. Egg-generators, UNITE! You have nothing to lose but your yolks! Jeanne S.

Issue	Bill #	Timeliness	Description
Domestic violence and Displ. Homemakers	SB 220	in Human Resources Committee	\$ 4.00 increase in marr. license funds shelters for victims of fam. violence and DH centers
Dom. Viol.	SB 65		\$4.00 to domestic violence fund
Displaced Homemakers	SB 516/ HB 1113	Hearing March 4 Human Services Comm.	Increase in filing fee for divorce \$3.00 funds multi-purpose DH Cen.
Wiretapping	SB 120/..... HB 360	still in in Jurisprudence Comm	part of Gov.'s crime package, invades privacy and is unconstitut. has been used against feminists and gays/lesbians.
Discrimination in employment	SB 2	floor vote March 4 in house, passed senate passed both houses, awaiting gov.'s sign.	excludes pregnant women from unemployment comp., also women who follow spouse to job location. Craig Washington will offer amend.
Discrimination in employment	HB 283		Mandatory check for sexual arrests and convictions on potential employees working with children.... problem is false arrest record.
Abortion	HB 578/ SB 248	Hearing March 9, 9 AM	parental consent required for abortions on minors, 2nd degree felony offense on doctors, aids
Abortion	HB 1245	Hearing March 9 9 AM	Informed consent requires doctor to advise on alternatives to abortion and stage of fetal develop.
Abortion	HB 782		Informed consent
Abortion	HB 455 SB 249		Prohibits publically funded hospitals from doing abortions.
ERA	SCR 39&40		Voids ratification; exemptions
Const. Conv.	HCR 27	State Affairs Comm.	call Con. Con for HLA

Women's Lobby '81 Alliance

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 16

Present and voting on recommendations: TARAL, HCWPC, Women's Group, YWCA, CLUW, HANOW, BANOW, GPC, HAWC and new member, A UNITING CHURCH. Welcome!

Judy Blanchard is Legislative Chair for the church in Clear Lake City.

Not represented: Association of Women Attorneys, Houston Network, Women of Intention, WEAL, NWNOW. Please try to have your alternates attend.

NEXT MEETING: March 30, Monday at 6:30 PM at YWCA

RECOMMENDATIONS:

** Lobby Day in Austin on April 7, Tuesday. Senate Jurisprudence Committee,

Oscar Mauzy, Chair, has scheduled hearing for that day on ALL bills pertaining to abortion (among them SB248, SB249, SB414, SB554, SB246, SB636, SB749, SB742). It is important that pro-choice be there in numbers as we were on March 9 when we outnumbered anti-choice people 4-1 at house committee hearings on bills. If scheduling permits, we can lobby on our other issues that day, too. Sign up your members for round trip by chartered bus, \$15 payable to Women's Lobby '81 Alliance. Departure time and place to be announced on March 30. Briefing and information packets for lobbyists and legislators will be distributed on bus trip to Austin. Thanks to all of you who could not go on March 9 but who sent letters, POM's, made donations to the bus cost and contacted their legislators. Keep it up and especially send letters to Oscar Mauzy in advance of our trip there. Use the services volunteered to you by those who attended the workshop on February 21st. Their registrations have been returned to you.

** Neighborhood Calls to Stop Human Life Amendment March 29, Sunday at 1PM-6PM.

Assemble at 1 PM at Southwest Women's Center, 6565 DeMoss. Targeted areas are in Bill Blythe's district and Milton Fox, both members of House Committee on State Affairs which hears most anti-choice bills. We will go in pairs to homes and apartments to carry information flyers and discuss how HLA affects women's lives (and families, too). We expect to repeat the excellent response received in Clear Lake City on January 24 when a similar survey was done. Results will be tabulated promptly and forwarded to legislators and press. Orientation begins at 1PM. Please commit at least two hours for the door-to-door survey. Survey is directed by HANOW members Jan Stevens and Yvonne Broach. Let's support them with recruits whose name should be forwarded to Jan at 445-2220.

** CONTINUE SUPPORT OF ALL ISSUES TARGETED AT MARCH 2nd MEETING. No hearings

were scheduled for the week of March 16. This gave us a short breather and chance to catch up. Things may move fast from now on. Each organization should try to allocate some action on each of our issues even though most of you are heavily involved with reproductive freedom. Alliance durability depends on reciprocity. Try to allocate a minimum number of letters on each issue per week. Sample letters have been provided to lighten your task. Joan Glantz suggests one personal letter, duplicated "x" times and sent to each member of the particular committee. All committees are listed in blue guides to "When You Go to Austin" available from League of Women Voters, 1947 West Gray. MAIL ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE IS RUNNING 4 to 1 AGAINST US! Get out your pens.

** SURVEY OF MEMBER PARTICIPATION ON EACH ISSUE The attached form replaces the poorer one distributed at March 16 meeting. Purpose is to find out how narrow or how wide is our total alliance support on each issue. Count each of your members as one.

"Don't Agonize ORGANIZE!"

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Women's Lobby '81 Alliance

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** PUBLICITY AND PRESS RELATIONS Send letters to the editor in response to news or feature articles on our issues. Joan Greiner, who has been developing press relations for the alliance, recommends letters to the editor of Post and Chronicle in response to Senator John Leedom's comments on bill requiring a wife to get husband's consent for an abortion. Think of new angles to attract press coverage and bring them to our attention.

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SAMPLE MESSAGES FOR LETTER WRITING
(refer to issues and status of bills on March 16 agenda)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SB220, SB65

"I urge you to vote for bills which adequately fund shelters for abused spouses and children. The pattern of domestic violence must be broken."

DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS SB220, SB516, HB1113

"Please support bills which adequately fund multi-purpose centers for displaced homemakers. These are valuable people who can become self-supporting with appropriate training and re-orientation."

WIRETAPPING SB120, HB360

"I urge you to oppose any legislation which extends permission on wire-tapping because it invades my privacy as a citizen and is unconstitutional."

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL PREFERENCE HB283

"HB283 is a poor attempt to address a legitimate social concern. The bill should be amended to exclude Section 21.06 of the penal code entirely as well as include areas of omission such as incest. The bill should be amended to exclude a check for sexual offense arrests where the charges were dropped or a trial resulted in acquittal."

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM 20 Texas bills have been filed plus HLA in congress
Write to State Representative and Senator, US legislators

"I ask you to oppose any legislation which bans or restricts a woman's access to a medically safe and legal abortion. I am a person who holds life precious and I am committed to giving care and guidance to the children I bring into the world. I am also committed to letting other people make reproductive choices for themselves. I resent the intrusion of the state or federal government into this most private area of my life."

LEGISLATORS POSITIONS ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE BY RECENT ESTIMATE

(But we still need to "stroke" the pro's, work on the anti's)

+ pro
- anti
? workable

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| + Henry Allee 455-4225 | + El Franco Lee 675-0004 | - Ralph Wallace 644-2359 |
| ? Erwin Barton 475-2899 | + Al Luna 926-1774 | + Craig Washington 659-4343 |
| - Brad Wright 664-5568 | + Paul Colbert 520-7971 | ? John Whitmire 864-8701 |
| - Bill Blythe 783-7466 | ? Randy Pennington 481-6559 | + Ed Watson 479-8408 |
| - Gene Green 691-2727 | ? Milton Fox 461-6006 | + Ron Wilson 797-4156 |
| ? Clint Hackney 965-9105 | - Tony Polumbo 453-6336 | - Jack Ogg 961-5100 |
| - Frank Hartung 468-0300 | ? Ashley Smith 224-5771 | - Mike Richards 626-8080 |
| - Don Henderson 444-748 | + Senfronia Thompson 633-3390 | - Lindon Williams 455-2289 |
| ? Ed Emmett 328-1424 | Tom DeLay 342-9560 | - Walter Mengden 475-3408 |
| Douglas McLeod 762-5005 | Lloyd Criss 945-5711 | - Buster Brown 297-3221 |
| | | ? Chet Brooks 477-3634 |

MAIL ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE IS RUNNING 4 to 1 AGAINST US. SHOW WE ARE THE MAJORITY!



The Women's Resource Service at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City has begun accepting applications for a salaried part-time position (minimum of 20 hours per week) as Manager of the Service. The work schedule will be arranged to meet the Manager's personal and academic requirements. The position will open July 1, 1981, and terminate June 30, 1982. Applicants must be registered as a degree seeking graduate student at UH/CLC by the fall semester of 1981 and throughout the appointment.

As its name implies, Women's Resource Services provides multiple services to both the general public and the university community. It offers informal peer counseling, provides information concerning women's issues to individuals and groups, coordinates workshops and seminars to serve women's needs, and organizes the university's Women's Week program annually.

The Manager has general administrative responsibility for the operation of the Service and coordinates the activities of its volunteers. The applicant should have organizational ability and should be personable and supportive toward those who seek help through the Service. It is desirable that the applicant have experience working with volunteer organizations concerned with women's issues. The Manager works with an Advisory Council, and as the office is part of the UH/CLC Counseling Center, reports to the Coordinator of Counseling and Psychological Services in the Student Services Division.

Applications are available at the UH/CLC Bayou Building, Suite 2-107. For further information, call Women's Resource Services at 488-9216 or write Box 168, UH/CLC, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston 77058. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 1981.

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Title IX	Twiss Butler	333-4764
Consciousness	Jane Markley	334-5057
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Rape & Abuse	Mary McFadin	332-5774

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PERSONS AND ANY
REQUIRED ASSISTANCE
FOR THE BLIND. CALL
CYNTHIA SUTTON AT
486-1426.

CONTACT REMINDERS

TEXAS NOW: 713-947-9678 contacts the state leadership (or the Houston or Bay Area chapters, also in the vicinity).

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE INFO: 1-800-252-9693

U.S. LEGISLATIVE INFO: 1-800-424-9717 (courtesy of AAUW)

WOMEN U.S.A. HOTLINE: 1-800-221-4945 offers economic, social and political info regarding issues of concern to women.

WESTERN UNION: 1-800-325-5300 (Public Opinion Messages of 15 words cost \$3.50 to Washington, D.C. and \$2.00 to Austin)

REMEMBER--800 numbers are toll-free!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW. Clip and mail to Dorothy Howard, 1529 Bonanza,
Houston, Texas 77062

- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW (\$30)
- I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter (\$8)
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- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year (\$5)
- I am making a contribution of \$_____ to NOW
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NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

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New York women garment workers marched against low wages and dangerous work conditions on March 8, 1857, a date later celebrated as International Women's Day since the Women's History Conference cosponsored by the Women's Action Alliance and the Smithsonian Institution—plus pending legislation introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski in 1980 to make it a national occasion—that date has also marked the beginning of Women's History Week. For suggestions on how your school or group can learn and celebrate during this week—or how you can get your state to officially recognize this week, if it is not one of the 16 that had already done so—send \$3.50 for an organizing guide to National Women's History Week Project, Box 3716, Santa Rosa, California 95402, or call (707) 526-5974.

"Today makes it all worthwhile . . . I sort of feel like running out in the street and shouting, 'Crystal Lee Sutton, whose union struggle was portrayed in the film 'Norma Rae,' responded enthusiastically to the first contract signed last fall by the J.P. Stevens Company and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. A national settlement agreement brings an end to the four-year-long consumer boycott of J.P. Stevens products.

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