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Maria Doest

Program Meeting: 7:30 PM, Thursday, August 6, at Uniting Church, corner of Reseda and El Camino Real in Clear Lake City

SELF DEFENSE: THE GREAT EQUALIZER a Presentation by Maria Doest, third-degree Black Belt in Karate and expert street-fighter. She says her system is for people 6 to 60, even blind or wheel-chair bound. Doest teaches self defense at the YWCA, NASA, and at UH/CLC this summer.

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

I want to issue an appeal to ALL MEMBERS! We will be needing your help desperately in the coming months as we marshal our efforts for the ERA Countdown. Deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is June 30, 1982. All polls show that over 60% of all Americans are in favor of equal rights for women. However, knowing we are in the majority and in the right, and having legislators in unratified ^{states} vote on our side are two entirely different things. We have to work extremely hard in the next few months to see that justice is finally done. Here are some specifics that you can contribute:

ERA Walkathon - August 22 - Saturday - 9 a.m. - Buffalo Bayou Park

Get everyone you know to pledge an amount of their choice for every mile you can walk that day. This is a major fundraiser for the ERA this year. We urge you to expend every effort you can to support this event. Come to our program meeting on August 6 for more details and to sign up for pledges or walking.

ERA Phoning and Letter-Writing - every Monday night in August - 7 p.m. - my house. We will be training people for Message Brigades, writing letters, phone banking. Bring your newspaper ads for travel to unratified states. We will be sending them to Governors and Chambers of Commerce.

Letters to the Editor - Make it a point to write regularly to Houston area and local press with your views. Include your affiliation with NOW if you choose. Do make your particular opinions public - often.

Malls, Street Corners and Door-to-Door Canvassing - We will be collecting petition signatures, Message Brigade envelopes and consciousness-raising using these methods. We need many volunteers to go out in pairs on these projects on a continuing basis.

There are many things we need to be doing. We need your help. You need our help in doing all these things. Call Pat - 488-3278 - to volunteer your services.

----- COME TO THE AUGUST 6 MEETING - BRING FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, RELATIVES -----

STATE COUNCIL REPORT

The July 25 meeting was held at Clear Lake. Mary Calk (new President) named appointees to most of the open positions; the State Fundraising position, two area coordinators' positions and some Task Forces remain open. Temporary budget adjustments were made to accommodate structure changes made by the State Convention. A committee (including Bay Area's Phyllis Tucker) will prepare an overall budget proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Council members received reports about Ellie Smeal's July 28 appearance in Dallas, which will launch her 30-day speaking tour; and the upcoming ERA campaign in Oklahoma to which Texas NOW has made a major commitment. Both efforts have been somewhat chaotic and unsettling at times, but the Dallas chapters have done a fine job on short notice and the Oklahoma campaign should gel soon.

Our application for a booth at the State Fair this October met a lack of space. That project is on hold until we learn whether a cancellation will allow us space. If the project goes forward, volunteers will be desperately needed, especially during the week.

Task Forces and Phyllis' legislative committee activities are gearing up. The state organization's ID number (as a tax-exempt, non-profit group) was given out and its value/limitations explained.

Perhaps most importantly, the state dues increase has PASSED. Chapters that did not vote on the March recommendation were ruled to be abstaining. As of September 1, state dues will be \$7 rather than \$2, making the total package \$35. As members renew at the higher rate, they will receive a TEXAS NOW Times subscription with their membership.

The next meeting will be September 19 in Corpus Christi. If you have any questions on details of the meeting of the Council, call Bonnie at 331-0444.

NOTES FROM TEXAS NOW STATE CONVENTION--Past Pres. Phyllis Tucker

The 1981 Texas N.O.W. State Convention was held in Dallas, Texas, June 26th thru 28th. The theme of the convention "Women Walk More Determined", was carried out all week-end and hopefully for all time to come. The convention began, Saturday, with a warm welcome by Jean Lentz speaking for the North Dallas and Dallas County N.O.W. chapters who put on the convention. Phyllis Tucker, outgoing State Coordinator, gave a well received speech on the need of pulling together and working for the common goal of passage of the ERA in the next year. Charlotte Taft, co-chair of the Texas Reproductive Rights Task Force, was the keynote speaker for Saturday speaking on "Being Brave: Feminism in the 80's."

Saturday included two workshop sections and once more the talent of Texas N.O.W. was displayed. Fifteen different workshops were presented and the difficulty of choosing just two to sit in on was a horrible decision. Workshops were held on ERA, Abortion, Women and the Media, Womens Health Care, Women in Religion, The Right Wing, How to do a walk-a-thon, Personal Financial Strategies, Homemakers, Lesbianism, Consciousness Raising, Womens Rights and a workshop by our own Colette Roberts on "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Folks?"

At the Plenary Sessions on Saturday, discussion and debate centered around the by-law changes that were offered to our State Organization. The organization voted to change the leadership structure and responsibilities of those elected officers. Texas N.O.W. will now be operating with a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. After self nominations from the floor and voting in the evening, Texas N.O.W. has the following new leadership: President, Mary Calk-Corpus Christi; Vice-President, Jan Stevens-Houston Area; Secretary, Bonnie Huval-Bay Area; Treasurer, Teri Butler-North Dallas. Also elected by the convention were; Pat Lowry-State Membership Coordinator, Jean Lentz-Area I Membership, Deborah Bell-Area III Membership, and LouAnne Blankenship-Area IV Membership.

Saturday evening was turned over to the finest entertainment that this person has ever seem at a N.O.W. convention, state or national. There was four hours of feminist music played by members from around the state. All I can say that will even begin to describe the talent that we have is that it was terrific. Dallas and North Dallas outdid themselves in this field. Everyone who attended enjoyed it tremendously.

Sunday morning resolutions from workshops were introduced and discussed. Resolutions adopted were as follows:

- (1) That Texas NOW set ERA ratification as its primary goal for the coming year.
- (2) That Texas NOW make promotion of the Message Brigade a top priority in 1981 and 82 with a goal of producing a minimum of 50,000 Message Brigade responses from Texas.
- (3) Members of Chapters not planning a Walkathon for 1981 and at-large members are urged to walk with Austin NOW on Saturday August 22, 1981
- (4) That Texas NOW adopt Oklahoma as its sister state in the ratification effort, urging chapters to send volunteers to aid in their organizing efforts (b) That Texas NOW set a goal of raising \$5000.00 to be sent to Oklahoma by January, 1982, and (c) that Texas NOW urge National NOW to immediately establish Oklahoma as a priority state.
- (5) That Texas NOW call for all Texas chapters to urge Governor Clements not to attend the Governors' Conference to be held in Oklahoma until Oklahoma is ratified and that Governor Clements request the Governor's Conference be held in a ratified state.

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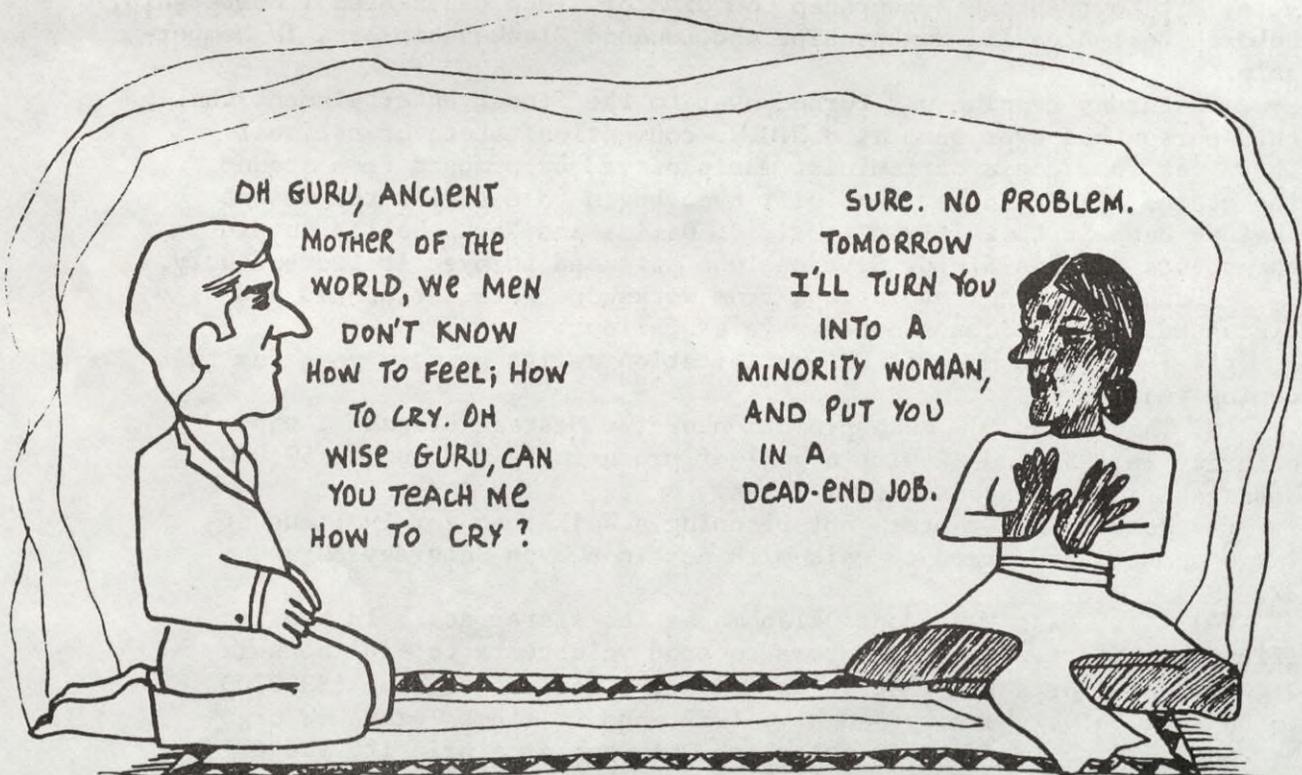
(7) That Texas State NOW will give \$400.00 to be used for a booth at the State Fair

(8) That Texas NOW encourage reauthorization of the legal services corporation without restrictions that will further limit the rights of women to representation by the legal services corporation.

(9) that NOW chapters form alliances of like-minded organizations and individuals in our communities to advocate women's interests and present an effective alternative to right wing organization.

(10) Texas State NOW opposes nuclear power and weapons, and urges conservation and development of solar energy and other safe alternative energy sources.

The Sunday afternoon session ended with a moving message from Jan Stevens on the ERA. Jan presented Mary McQuay, Regional Board Director and President of Oklahoma NOW, with checks totaling \$847.00. Another collection was taken up at the rally held at that time and another \$300.00 was donated to Oklahoma NOW for their ratification effort. Mary McQuay then addressed the convention and encouraged and thanked the organization. Then began the emotional highlight of the convention. An unplanned snake dance unrehearsed through the hall with all attendees holding hands and singing "We shall not be moved". It was a great way to end one of the best conventions that we have ever had. All persons left knowing that it is no longer a case of "if the ERA is passed" but "WHEN the ERA is passed". And that will be before June 30, 1982.



with Thanks to "Ma CAN I Be a FEMINIST AND STILL LIKE MEN?"
 (SURE...JUST LIKE YOU CAN BE a VEGETARIAN
 AND LIKE FRIED CHICKEN.)
 BY NICOLE HOLLANDER

[Aug. 1981]



TO: ALL TEXAS NOW CHAPTERS, MARY CALK, GLORIA SPRINKLE
FROM: JAN STEVENS, ERA TASK FORCE CHAIR FOR TEXAS NOW
DATE: JULY 15, 1981

I am pleased to have been named ERA Task Force Chair for the second year in a row. This most crucial of years will demand sacrifices from all of us, and I am counting on all of you to help me with the tremendous burden I face this year.

Some information which your chapters will need to know right away:

****RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT STATE CONVENTION REGARDING THE ERA:**

1. Rededication to the ERA
2. Texas NOW adopts Oklahoma as its sister state in the ratification effort, and pledges:
 - a. to send volunteers
 - b. to set a goal of raising \$5,000 by January for Oklahoma
 - c. to urge National NOW to send help to Oklahoma and make Oklahoma a priority state
3. Texas NOW resolves to set a goal of 50,000 Message Brigadiers
4. NOW chapters not holding a Walkathon are invited to participate in Austin's, Saturday, August 22. For information, call Barbara Duke, (512) 476-0510
5. Texas NOW calls for Texas NOW chapters to urge Governor Clements not to attend the Governors' Conference scheduled for Oklahoma in August of 1982 unless the ERA is ratified there, and to urge the Governor to make a public statement to that effect.
6. Texas NOW allots \$400.00 for a booth at the Texas State Fair. It takes place for three weeks in October in Dallas. Volunteers will be needed from all over the state. The booth will promote the ERA and other NOW issues.

**Any money raised by your chapters for the Oklahoma ratification effort should be sent to Texas NOW Treasurer, Teri Butler, 4014 Fairmount #206, Dallas, TX 75219. Please designate your check as being for the Oklahoma ERA effort.

**The five thousand dollar goal, if divided equally between the chapters, amounts to \$192.30 per chapter. The fifty thousand Message Brigade responses amount to 1,923 per chapter. Let's do our best to meet and beat our goals!

FUNDRAISING WILL BE A MAJOR JOB OF TEXAS NOW CHAPTERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. National NOW has set a goal of \$15,000,000. Yes, folks, that's fifteen million bucks. Divided equally by fifty states, that would be \$300,000 per state. But Texas is a big state; and we know we won't get that amount from some of the poorer states. So we need to set our eyes on \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) coming from Texas for ERA ratification. That amounts to \$3,000 per day!

We need to activate our phone banks and other sources of fundraising immediately. I think you will find people eager to contribute to the ERA, especially when you tell them that this is their last chance in their lifetimes--that they can pay now, or they can pay the rest of their lives--and the price will be discrimination under law.

Folks will readily see that paying now is a good deal--especially when you point out that if we fail to make the sacrifices necessary to ratification in the coming year, then all the money in the world would probably not get the ERA ratified in this century.

**We will soon want to send volunteers to Oklahoma to fulfill our resolution. Some of you have already given me your names as volunteers; I will need to get the names of other volunteers as well. National NOW is at this time setting up their office in Oklahoma City. Hopefully we will be able to send a delegation before the summer is over. Your chapters may choose to help defray the expenses of individuals or groups who go to Oklahoma from your area.

**I hope all the chapters have received Walkathon kits from National NOW, and that you are all planning Walkathons,

Please let me know how your chapters are doing with their ERA efforts, I will be glad to help you in any way I can--with setting up Action Teams, providing information, speaking to your chapter, etc.

Remaining determined,

Jan

"Men and women, because of the combat restrictions on women, are simply not similarly situated for the purposes of a draft or registration for a draft." Justice William Rehnquist concluded for the majority. "The exemption of women from registration is not only sufficient but closely related to Congress' purpose in authorizing registration."

Justice Rehnquist held that the court must show special deference to Congress' judgment on military and national defense matters and rejected the lower court's reasoning that the process of registration is separate and distinct from considerations about what role women should play in the military, from whether they should be assigned to combat.

"The existence of the combat restrictions clearly indicates the basis for Congress' decision to exempt women from registration," Rehnquist wrote. "The purpose of registration was to prepare for a draft of combat troops. Since women are excluded from combat, Con-

Women at arms

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of an all-male draft Thursday and the decision can be read as a defeat for women, a defeat for men, a setback for equal rights and an insult to the 150,000 women now serving in the armed forces.

By a 6-to-3 vote, the high court overturned a lower court ruling that the Military Selective Service Act discriminates against men and held that Congress has the right to exclude women from registration and the military draft. Basically the Supreme Court said women can't be registered or drafted because Congress said women can't be registered or drafted. The court said women aren't fit for combat because the Congress said women aren't fit for combat. It's as simple and sophistic as that.

gress concluded that they would not be needed in the event of a draft."

The Supreme Court decision assumes that Congress' instinct for what is right and just and constitutional is unerring. At hearings last year, House and Senate subcommittees heard testimony in favor of registering and drafting women as well as against it. Several witnesses, including military personnel, testified that women could be utilized in some combat positions in today's highly technological armed services. The predominately male Congress, whose military experience is limited to conventional warfare, dismissed the favorable testimony and voted in favor of an all-male registration and draft instead.

In doing so, Congress overlooked very real differences between individuals. In Congress' view - and now in the Supreme Court's - men are always better qualified for soldiering in times of war than women. Registration, for example, currently includes all males, regardless of physical or mental capabilities, physical or mental handicaps. Excluding women with superior skills from this pool is hardly in the nation's best interests or the best interests of national defense. Congress still can and should vote to include women.

There is an ironic postscript. The day after the Supreme Court decided that women are not eligible for registration and the draft, it ruled that military wives are not eligible to share their husbands' pension benefits after a divorce. First the court consigned American women to a traditional role in society and then, 24 hours later, it told them that role counts for nothing. Clearly this cavalier court believes women are no better than second-class citizens.

The Boston Globe

June 27, 1981



Bob Englehart
The Hartford Courant

Words to Recall when all else seems bleak:

1. In a post-nomination interview Supreme Court Justice designate O'Connor recalled that at her graduation from Stanford Law School (3rd in the class) the only position offered to her by any major California law firm was that of a legal secretary. CLICK
2. Senator Barry Goldwater reacted to Jerry Falwell's pontifical statement that O'Connor may not be "moral" enough for the Moral Majority by stating that he'd like to kick Falwell in the ass. Hey, Barry, where shall we start the line?

What to Ask Judge O'Connor.

Some of the objections to Sandra O'Connor are about as relevant to her fitness for the Supreme Court as abortions are relevant to stadiums.

The right-to-life movement seems to think that abortion is germane to everything, so it can't understand why Judge O'Connor, when she was the majority leader of the Arizona State Senate, opposed an anti-abortion rider to a football stadium bill because it seemed non-germane. We'd be troubled if she had seen a connection.

But zealotry is not the only basis for raising questions about nominees for the Supreme Court. Their long-run philosophical positions are generally wholly unpredictable. Yet a President's most lasting legacy may reside in the mind and manner of the Justices he appoints. The Senate has a duty to explore both responsibly.

At first glance, her record is appealing. But much more needs to be known about her and about the depth and nature of her conservatism. How Judge O'Connor handles herself under questioning also will tell much about the quality of the President's choice. The art of getting confirmed is openness where possible — and circumspection when the questions get too close to prejudging issues that may come before the Court.

Some questions arise from the uniqueness of the nomination; Judge O'Connor follows 101 male justices. Others arise from the simple fact that so little is known of her outside Arizona, where she gained

prominence as an assistant state attorney general, legislator, judge and civic leader.

➔ *What does she think will be the effect of a woman on the Court? Are there times when there is validly a woman's point of view in the law? Would she speak up for women's interests if her male colleagues seemed oblivious to them?*

➔ *How has her personal experience with job bias influenced her view of laws against discrimination? After graduation with high honors from Stanford Law School, at least one law firm thought she was applying for a secretarial job. She had to overcome such obstacles before the women's movement and civil rights laws began to be effective. Is she indignant? Does she think others must climb the ladder the way she did, without much help from the law?*

Does she see a special role for the Federal courts, including the Supreme Court, as a guardian of constitutional rights? Some people are inclined to fault her nomination because she lacks experience in the Federal courts. She has written that Federal judges should put more trust in state courts. Yet when there is a choice, many Americans prefer Federal courts, where judges are more independent, less tied to local politics. When is Federal judicial action necessary?

➔ *What in her public life demonstrates a commitment to helping people whom society has not always been eager to protect? Her own career testifies to her views about equal opportunity for women. It would be encouraging to learn that she is, in life as well as law, committed to equal justice for all.*

Talk about a threat by an unqualified woman . . . In the category of snicker, snicker: Ms. Schlafly announced (without being asked) that she would accept the Supreme Court nomination if offered to her.

New York Times 7/12/81

Blackmun rebukes fellow justices about rape case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun has accused the eight men he works with on the nation's highest court of displaying insensitivity toward rape victims.

Blackmun's rebuke came in a recent case involving a pretrial identification of a Chicago man convicted of rape. The court unanimously decided that the man's rights to a fair trial had been violated because he was not represented by a lawyer when identified by the victim.

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Houston Chronicle * Section 2, Page 7

18A The Houston Post
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Suspect freed in sex assault

TRINIDAD, Colo. (AP) — A judge freed a man accused of breaking into the home of a young widow, pushing her against a wall and sexually assaulting her on the floor. The judge, 57, said the incident reminded him of "an attempted seduction."

Colorado District Court Judge Dean C. Mabry dismissed a charge of sexual assault against John James Montano, who was tried here in October. The charge was brought by the district attorney's office after relatives reported the alleged assault on the 20-year-old woman.

The transcript of trial testimony was released last week.

The woman testified that on April 23 Montano broke the door of her trailer home to get in, pushed her against a wall, fell on top of her on the floor, started kissing her, broke the zipper on her pants and placed his hand inside.

There was no indication from the transcript whether she was acquainted with Montano.

"... While there may have been a slight confrontation of some kind and perhaps a feeling out by the defendant herein as to whether he would make some time with the victim... nevertheless, after a very short interlude and upon the request of the victim... the defendant did leave," said Mabry.

"This is more like an attempted seduction than it is sexual assault, albeit a little bit rough, but that is the way I remember it. It has been quite a while," said Mabry.

The judge said Tuesday that the sexual assault statute required the prosecution to prove that there was intent to do wrong. "They utterly failed to prove any intent at all," he said.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Argall said he would appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court. He said Mabry's words from the bench were "a slap across the face to every woman in the country."

In a concurring opinion, Blackmun said he had to "disassociate" himself from what he said was his fellow justices' reference to the rape victim's seeing her assailant's face for "only 10 to 15 seconds."

"Time, of course, is always a comparative matter," Blackmun said. "But 10 to 15 seconds of observation of the face of a rapist at midday by his female victim during the commission of the crime by no means is insufficient to leave an accurate and indelible impression on the victim."

Blackmun added that "to the resisting woman, 10 to 15 seconds would seem endless. No female victim of a rape, given that period of daylight observation, will ever believe otherwise."

He ended his message to his fellow members by writing, "I therefore cannot be a party to the court's degradation, and almost literal dismissal, of so vital an observation."

Researchers Eye Lives of 92 Rape Victims**

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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Wednesday, November 6, 1977

BY ARTHUR SNIDER

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What happens to the life style of a woman in the weeks after she has been raped? Does she pick up again and return to normal living?

Much is known about the behavior of a rape victim in the immediate hours after an assault. Hospital personnel and police report she either becomes very emotional—sobbing, crying, showing feelings of fear, anxiety or anger — or she masks her feelings in a calm, subdued manner.

But little is known about her reactions after she leaves the hospital and concludes her interviews with the police.

Associate professors of nursing and sociology at Boston College have followed up 92 raped women who entered the emergency ward of Boston City Hospital over a one-year period. The researchers, Ann Wolbert Burgess and Lynda Lytle Homstrom, were telephoned day or night and maintained close contact with the victims for months thereafter.

Scream in Sleep

The 92 women included schoolteachers, assembly line workers, secretaries, housekeepers, cocktail waitresses. They ranged in age from 17 to 73 but most were under 30. They covered the gamut of single, married, separated, divorced, widowed as well as women living with men by agreement. Some were pretty, some were plain. Some were dressed in high fashion, some as hippies.

In the weeks after the attack, all engage in coping behavior of one kind or another. Forty-four of the 92 victims changed residence. Some took trips to "get away." Telephone numbers were changed, usually to an unlisted number. There was still the haunting fear that the assailant knew where they were and would come back.

Sleep was a problem. Women who had been suddenly awakened by the assailant frequently found themselves awakening at about the same time as the attack had occur-

red. Crying or screaming during sleep were common.

About a third had frightening nightmares about manual killers. Curiously, as time went on, the victim in the dream would develop mastery and fight off the assailant.

One woman reported: "I had a knife and I was with the guy and I stabbed him. The knife bent. I did it again and he started to bleed and he died. Then I walked away laughing with the knife in my hand."

Nausea Common

Phobic reactions were frequent. Women who were attacked while sleeping in their beds had fear of the indoors. They felt trapped and had startle reactions. The creaking of a window frightened them.

Those who had been attacked outside feared the outdoors and left their home only in the company of another. They disliked crowds or riding on public transportation. They did not like anyone walking behind them.

One woman explained: "Sometimes the victims attributed it to the anti-pregnancy medication — the "morning after" diethylstilbestrol hormone received — and other times to just thinking of the rape. Genitourinary itching, burning and discharge occurred. Bleeding and pain were reported by women who had been sodomized.

Normal sexual behavior was disrupted. For women who had been sexually active, frequency increased when they were confronted by their husband or boy friend about resuming relations.

"There are times when I don't want him near me," said one. "I get panicky and feel like screaming."

Investigators Burgess and Homstrom find that even the victims who are apparently successfully able to reorganize their life style remain tense on the alert and focus a large part of their time to perceiving possible threats and protecting themselves.

"On the outside I am OK," said one woman. "but inside I feel that every man is a rapist."

"WE SCARCE TAKE UP A PAPER THAT DOES NOT HERALD SOME OUTRAGE COMMITTED ON A MATRON ON HER WAY TO CHURCH, OR A LITTLE GIRL GATHERING WILDFLOWERS ON HER WAY TO SCHOOL; YET YOU CANNOT GO SO LOW DOWN IN THE SCALE OF BEING AS TO FIND MEN WHO WILL ENTER OUR CHURCHES TO DESECRATE THE ALTARS OR TOSS ABOUT THE EMBLEMS OF THE SACRAMENT; BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN EDUCATED WITH SOME RESPECT FOR CHURCHES, ALTARS AND SACRAMENTS. BUT WHERE ARE ANY LESSONS OF RESPECT TAUGHT FOR THE MOTHERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY? AND YET AS THE GREAT FACTOR IN THE BUILDING OF THE RACE, ARE THEY NOT MORE SACRED THAN CHURCHES, ALTARS, SACRAMENTS, OR THE PRIESTHOOD?"

---Elizabeth Cady Stanton, THE WOMEN'S BIBLE, 1898

Sunday, July 19, 1981

Houston Chronicle ★★★ Section 1, Page 9

Ex-convict admits killing 25 women, 'maybe more'

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI) — A smooth-talking, curly-haired ex-convict charged with two Florida murders has admitted to killing 25 women, "maybe more," around the country because they persisted in treating him as a sex object, police say.

"He said he was looking for a girl who wouldn't go to bed with him right away," said Broward County Detective Tom Carney. "From the way he talked, there weren't many."

Frank Anthony Canonico, who has been talking to police since his arrest earlier last week, said he resented women who considered him only a sex object, Carney said.

Circuit Judge Stephen Booher Friday ordered a psychiatric examination of the 39-year-old Canonico, who has told police he roamed the country for two years following his parole from a California prison, preying on women he picked up in singles bars.

Canonico, who has been charged by Fort Lauderdale police with the murders of Phyllis Schwartz, 43, of Lauderdale, Fla., and Willine Wall, 60, of Fort Lauderdale, has put the number of his victims at 25, Carney said.

"Maybe more. Who knows? He's not sure," he added.

Police in San Francisco said that Canonico is a suspect in the killing of Wanda Brown, 46, an East German immi-

grant whose body was found May 25 in San Francisco's Hyde Park. She had not been identified until Canonico told of killing two women in California.

Canonico was arrested when he tried to pawn jewelry and other items taken from Mrs. Wall's apartment. Witnesses said he had been seen with Mrs. Wall two days before her body was found in her Fort Lauderdale apartment.

He then told police about the slaying of Mrs. Schwartz, which had not been reported to police. Officers found her body in her townhouse.

The suspect's past "shows a need for a complete psychiatric and psychological evaluation," Booher said. "It appears that Mr. Canonico has an extensive history of incarceration as well as prior mental health treatment."

Police said Canonico has been in and out of federal prisons since 1959. Most of his sentences were for interstate transportation of stolen cars but he served one term for interstate transport of stolen securities.

At one point, he was praised by a prison official as a convict ready to be released to begin a reformed life.

Before he could be released, however, Canonico escaped while on furlough. He was captured later in Topeka, Kan., and thereafter served time in an Oklahoma federal prison, a treatment center in Hollywood, Calif., and a federal prison in Colorado where he was paroled in 1979.

Rapist With Bitten Tongue Is Sentenced

Philadelphia (AP) — A man who had part of his tongue bitten off while raping a 29-year-old woman has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty and asking for mercy because he says he suffers speech and taste impediments.

John Grant, 20, was sen-

tenced to two to 10 years in prison for the rape.

"This man has undergone excruciating pain," argued Grant's attorney, Milton Leider. "He is unable to talk properly and his taste buds have been impaired."

Prosecutor Michael Henry said the rape victim should not be overlooked just because she "did something about being attacked."

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Anger:
1. A feeling that may result from injury, mistreatment, opposition, etc: it usually shows itself in a desire to hit out at something or someone else; wrath, indignation; rage; ire... Indignation implies righteous anger aroused by what is considered unjust, mean, or shameful... Wrath implies deep indignation expressing itself in a desire to punish or get revenge. Webster New World Dictionary.

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm going straight to the point of my problem. What does a married woman do when her husband rapes her — which happened to me?

After my assault, I ran to a neighbor's house and called the police. After they arrived and asked the customary questions, they told me it was impossible for a husband to rape "his" wife! They also told me I must have a screw loose to call the police for such a complaint, but I didn't know what else to do after having been repeatedly raped for hours.

The definition of rape is forcibly having sexual intercourse with a girl or woman without her consent. It says nothing about her being married or single. Now, because of the way the police sided with my husband, he thinks that I am crazy.

First, I want you to know that in the 10 years of our marriage, I have never refused my husband's advances. If anything, he has been the one with the bed-time "headaches." I thoroughly enjoyed our sex life. As a matter of fact, I didn't even understand the complete meaning of sex until I met this man. To me, it was the most beautiful way to express the ultimate in mutual love and understanding.

Now, since this rape, I can't bring myself to feel as I formerly did. However, I'm sticking with him, hoping I'll be able to forgive and forget.

Can you understand my feelings? Or am I really crazy?

GOLD-BANDED RAPEE

Type of rape attack influences recovery

BY LESLIE BENNETTS

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NEW YORK — She was sound asleep in her own bed, peacefully oblivious as the pre-dawn stillness was disturbed by an intruder. Suddenly there was a man in her bedroom; within moments he was raping her.

Another woman was walking on the street, her home within view, when a man jumped out of the bushes, dragged her back out of sight, and raped her.

If a psychologist were to predict either woman's progress in recovering emotionally from her assault, it's a good bet that the second woman will get over it more quickly than the first. But both will have more problems than a third woman who was stopped on the street by a man in a car asking directions, then yanked into the car and raped.

Such were among the findings of an unusual study of rape victims and their recovery rates, whose preliminary results were announced this week at Rutgers University's Newark campus by guest lecturer Ann Burgess. A professor at Boston College and the author of several books including "Rape: Victims of Crisis," Dr. Burgess and her colleague Lynda Lytle Holmstrom interviewed a sample of 146 rape victims over a five-year period. Among the things they learned was that the style of the attack helped determine the amount of difficulty the victim had in getting over it.

The rapes fell into two general categories of about equal size, Dr. Burgess explained: the "blitz," in which the woman is assaulted without forewarning, and the rape in which the woman was conned in some way.

"A high percentage of those who weren't recovered after five years had experienced a blitz type of attack," Dr. Burgess reported. The place of the attack also had a significant influence on the woman's subsequent feelings of security. The woman who was surprised in her own bedroom was the most deeply wounded emotionally; five years later there were still nights when she'd awaken

suddenly at the same time that the rape occurred. Such an experience haunts a woman with the feeling, "If I'm not safe in my own bed, then where am I safe in this world?" She had not done anything to deserve the attack, couldn't have done anything to prevent it, and the random meaninglessness of such an experience proved extremely difficult for the woman to accept.

The situation was different for "victims who were conned in some way, like the woman who was out walking and stopped to give directions to someone who pulled her into his car," according to Dr. Burgess. "She could tell herself later, 'That was a dumb thing to do, I shouldn't have done that.' When a woman can make some rational explanation for what happened to her, she seems to recover better."

A variety of other factors, sociological as well as psychological, also played a role in the woman's ability to rationalize the experience. Economic stress and personal problems such as pre-existing alcohol or drug abuse or psychological disorders greatly reduced a woman's chances for successful recovery.

The amount of social support a woman received from her family and environment was also important. Women who felt isolated — living alone, unemployed, often geographically distant or not in regular communication with their families — frequently had a severe time dealing with the emotional aftermath of the rape, like the woman who said, "I am so lonely and I can't seem to talk to people. There are nights when I feel so terrible! I feel so alone. I should have someone to care about me, I know that's important, but how do I go about getting someone?"

Not a single one of the women deprived of social and emotional support recovered within months. "It took years," said Dr. Burgess, and over half still hadn't recovered at the end of the study, whereas 80 percent of the women who could turn to supportive relationships had gotten over the rape by then.

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Feminist group is warning women of potential rapists

Pittsburgh (AP) — A feminist group is circulating flyers that describe uncaptured sex offenders in an effort to warn women about the possibility they can be raped.

"Part of what we are trying to do is raise consciousness in people about rape," said Ann Pride, coordinator of Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR). "We want them to be aware that rapists look like everyone else. They're not all maniacal people who hang out in dark alleys."

Members of PAAR handed out 2,000 handbills to women. The leaflets were emblazoned with warnings: "Women Beware! Naked Harry is stalking the streets. And watch for Bill, the computer

programmer with the limp. He's loose, too."

The handbills gave a description of the alleged offenders.

Pittsburgh police were "noncommittal" toward the flyers and said the incidence of rape is not increasing, as PAAR claims.

"I'm not going to jump up and say we have several rapists on the loose," said Sgt. John Flannigan, head of the city's youth and sex assault squad.

He said there was a 13 per cent drop in reported rapes in 1975 and last year's number of assaults — 287 — was about average.

PAAR, however, said reported sex assaults are up 21 per cent since last year and that represents only about 40 per cent of the actual rapes.

DEAR RAPEE: You most certainly are not crazy, and I can understand your feelings. The legal definition of rape is "the illicit carnal knowledge of a woman without her consent." This makes it LEGALLY impossible for a man to rape his wife, but it is still morally wrong for a husband to force himself physically upon his wife. And let's hope that archaic law changes soon.

Why Are Some Women Always Asking For It?

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by Nikki Van Hightower

"Some women do ask for it you know," was the authoritative statement made by one of the members in a gathering of personnel officers following my presentation on sexual harassment on the job. It was not the first time that I had heard such a comment. As a matter of fact, I have been bombarded with it all of my life — from my own parents, and through books, magazines and movies. Hearing it so often, I must, at some point, have become convinced that there were these women or girls who did, indeed, "ask for it." Worse yet, I probably harbored a secret fear that I might be one of them, although it was never clear to me just how I might be posing the question.

In all of my experience with women, I have never had any direct or indirect knowledge of anyone who admitted to asking for anything more than decent and humane treatment from their fellow human beings. But then that is the beauty of stereotypes. They manage to persist and even flower in an atmosphere void of, or in conflict with, any evidence whatsoever.

This charming little stereotype promoting the idea of female masochism is part of a larger umbrella of fallacious theory often referred to as the "feminine mystique." According to the theory, women never directly and verbally ask for what they want. They communicate their desires in other more mysterious and uniquely feminine ways. Thus, their verbal communication borders on the irrelevant.

If one accepts this culturally entrenched stereotypes of female behavior, it stands to reason that there could be a good deal of misinterpretation of what it is women desire from others. The gospel, according to Phyllis Schlafly, does not so easily let women off the hook. In testimony before the U.S. Senate's Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Schlafly stated that, "When a woman walks across the room, she speaks with a universal body language that most

men intuitively understand." She states further that a "virtuous woman" would not encounter sexual harassment in the workplace since "men hardly ever ask sexual favors of women from whom the certain answer is 'no.'" "Virtuous women are seldom accosted by unwelcome sexual propositions or familiarities, obscene talk or profane language." (I shudder to think of the category into which I must fall based upon this criteria.)

Well, maybe just a teenie, weenie room for error, huh Phyllis? Think of how tough it is for those few "virtuous" who fall victim to sexual harassment to prove that they were mistakenly picked as being one of the "other kind" who were "asking for it."

Frederick Storaska, raised to the exalted status of "guru of rape prevention" by police departments across the country teaches women how to get more pleasure out of "asking for it" in a couple of hours of fun and games.

Actually, Mr. Storaska is not quite so hard on us little ladies (Oh, I forgot I've been eliminated from that category) as is Ms. Schlafly. He tells us that "women tease when they want to and when they don't want to." So you see, it's not really our fault. It's a genetic defect which makes us "teasers" and drives men wild with sexual desire, and they therefore cannot stop themselves from raping us. In the next breath, Mr. Storaska expresses agreement with all "experts" in the field who hold the consensus that rape is not a sexual act, but an act of hostility and aggression. But then no one ever accused Mr. Storaska of getting hung up on consistency. His lessons, of dubious value, but laced with plenty of thigh-slapping humor, focus on how women can extricate themselves from a potential rape situation by using the same manipulative feminine characteristics that got them into it in the first place. Clever, huh?

Women's complicity in their own brutali-

zation is also suspect in battering cases. The search for their particular style of "asking for it" are reflected in questions such as, "What did she do to cause him to beat her?" "Was she fooling around?" "Nagging?" Needless to say, the batterers always have a repertoire of answers explaining how she "asked for it."

Some rational person might suggest that if we started listening to what women were saying — what comes out of their mouths — this whole confusing matter of what they were asking for, if anything, could be quickly cleared up. Body language and other "feminine mystique" forms of communications, being simply too difficult to interpret for the average untrained person, should be abandoned in favor of straight verbal communication with the opposite gender.

Simple as this idea may sound, it is in fact, quite revolutionary. Although it has always been assumed that one generally accepts the verbal communication of men at face value in determining what they are asking for, such an assumption has never been made in the case of women. Surely everyone has heard the old cliché that when a woman says "no" she really means "yes". It follows then that if a woman asks her husband why he is so late returning from work, she is really asking for a broken nose or perhaps a kick in the abdomen, should she be pregnant; and if a woman is walking from her office to the parking lot and her gender is in any way distinguishable, she is asking to be raped; or if a woman asks her boss for a raise because she has earned it and needs it to support herself and her children in a decent manner, she is really asking him to have an affair with her. Right?

Okay, so women have to get communication back on track by convincing people that they mean what they say — no more and no less. They want only what they ask for through verbal communication. Please understand that I have not for a moment deluded myself into thinking that this change in communication, or the interpretation of communication, is going to stop rape, battering or sexual harassment. These acts will continue until the source of misogyny is rooted out. It will, however, relieve women of a lot of internally and externally imposed guilt that they were somehow responsible for their own brutalization and transfer it to where it has belonged all along — on the shoulders of the brutes. As I see it, such a shift in society's attitudes would be one giant step for womankind. The next steps will be to ask why some men brutalize women and then start facing up to the answers. When that happens, we will know we are getting somewhere.

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BAY AREA NOW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1981		AUGUST				1981	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	COUNTDOWN FOR RATIFICATION: 11 MONTHS to June 30, 1982! What are you doing to help? ERA + Message Brigade letter writing - Every Monday night 7 PM at 2002 Richvale. Call Pat Kuhlmann, 488-3278 for information					1	
	2	3 ERA Letters	4	5	6 B.A. NOW: Program Meeting 7:30 PM	7	8
9	10 Women's hobby '81 YWCA - 3515 Allen Parkway 6:30 PM ERA Letters	11 ERA Work Meeting 7-9 PM 3700 Watonga 445-2220 for info.	12	13	14 V-J Day	15	
16	17 ERA Letters	18	19 B.A. NOW Business Meeting - 7:30 PM 1529 Bonanza	20	21	22 ERA Walkathon Deborah Bell, Coord. 681-9507 (evenings)	
23	24 ERA Letters	25	26 WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE DAY Now Celebration UH Central Campus 488-3278 for info.	27 GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF NOW CHAPTERS 7:30 UH Central Campus Student Center	28	29	
30	31 ERA Letters						

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- Media
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- Reproductive Rights
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- Other (specify)

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- Consciousness raising
- Clipping newspapers/magazines (list those you read regularly)
- Other

WHAT TYPES OF EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

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- Mimeograph Machine
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- Silk Screening Equipment
- Carpenters' Tools
- Other (specify)

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- Health organizations
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- Other Women's organizations (specify)

WHAT TIME OF DAY ARE YOU AVAILABLE? _____

HOW MANY HOURS/WEEK CAN YOU SPEND? _____

IF UNABLE TO WORK, CAN YOU MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION? _____

COMMENTS, PLEASE _____

What activities would you like to see NOW undertake in the future? _____

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THANK YOU!

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