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- 1 HANOW Reproductive Rights Task Force, 7:00 pm  
World Trade Center, 1520 Texas Av.
- 1 \*\*\* HANOW Action Meeting, report from the National NOW  
Conference delegates, ELECTION of officers; 7:30 pm.  
World Trade Center, 1520 Texas Av. (Lighted parking)
- 3 HANOW Awards Presentation and Party, 4600 Main, 7:30pm.
- 6 CITY ELECTIONS Check with BROADSIDE for the HCWPC  
endorsements.
- 10 Consciousness-raising Workshop, for details, call 664 4282.
- 10 ACLU Gala, place to arranged.
- 11 \*\*\* MONTROSE/SOUTHWEST NOW, Pot-luck at Peggy's, 1803 Fairview  
Bring a dish to share, 5:30pm, 522 4468.
- 12 \*\*\* NORTHWEST NOW, Program meeting, Barbara Tilley will discuss  
Women's Health Issues, Windwood Presbyterian, 11,735 Grant Rd.
- 17,18 Women's Craft Fair, U.of H. Main Campus
- 17 \*\*\* State NOW Council, Fort Worth
- 18 ERA Outreach, Training session with field worker  
from the NOW National office, Fort Worth.
- 18 Women's Caucus of DESOC, Abortion Rights, Joan Glantz,  
ACLU, Hanna Schecter, NOW, Laurie Smolins, teen-age  
counselor will be the speakers. U.of H. Carribean Room,7:30
- 18 St. Joan's Alliance, Dr. Shiela Sheiberg, U.of H.  
Sociology, Dept. Topic will cover the question "Does the  
Church's attitude toward women and sex contribute to  
violence against women? 1801 Sage 665 3471.
- 21 HCWPC 4600 Main, 7:30 pm
- 28 HCWPC
- 29 WEAL 4600 Main

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HOUSTON AREA NOW

DECEMBER Let's have a Holiday Party!

BROADSIDE

## Do you know that:

☒ One of every nine Texas girls age 15 to 19 will become pregnant this year.

☒ 1978 marked the first year since 1971 in which births to teens increased. 1978 births were 1,509, or 3.3 percent higher than 1977.

☒ From 1966 to 1978, births to girls under 15 increased 86 percent.

☒ In 1978, one out of five births was to a teen-age girl.<sup>1</sup>

☒ One third of all teen-agers giving birth are unmarried.<sup>1</sup>

☒ In 1975, one out of every three abortions in Texas was obtained by a teen-age girl.<sup>2</sup>

☒ BUT, family planning programs in Texas serve less than one in eight sexually active teenagers.

## What the FACTS mean in dollars:

☒ In 1974, the year family planning outreach began, Medicaid paid for 15,177 births in Texas. By 1977, the number of births paid by Medicaid had declined to 10,594.<sup>4</sup>

☒ The yearly cost for tax subsidized voluntary family planning services is about \$77 per patient.<sup>4</sup>

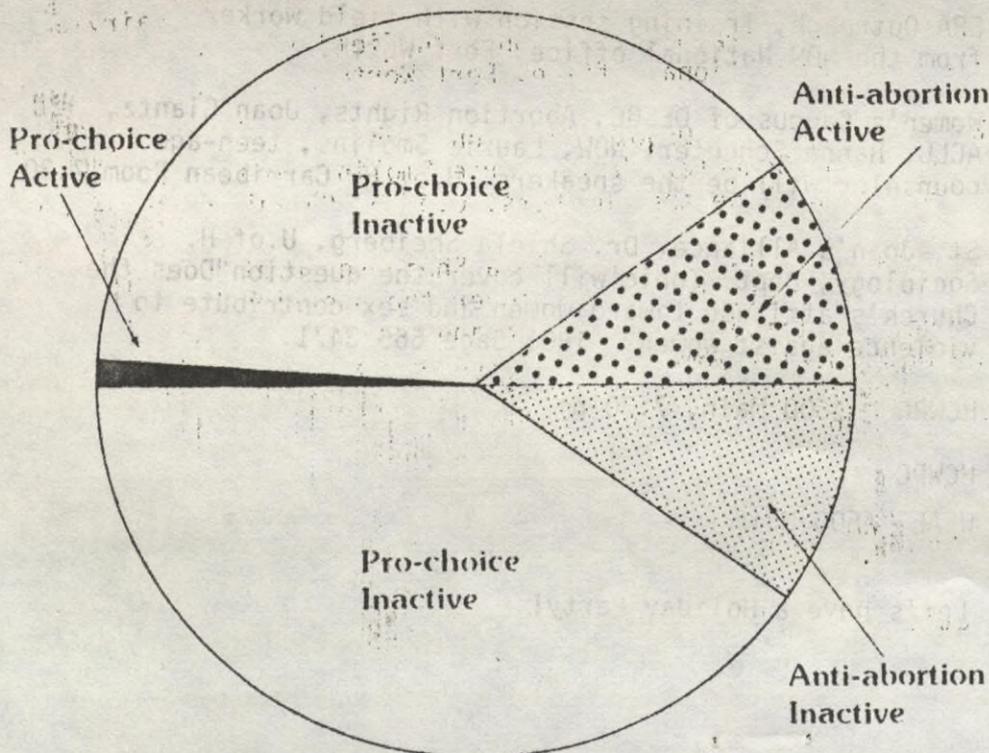
☒ Conversely, the cost to taxpayers for a birth in a family receiving public assistance averaged \$855 in 1977.<sup>4</sup>

☒ In March 1978, 10,265 teen-age mothers in Texas were receiving public assistance benefits.<sup>4</sup>

SOURCES:  
1-Texas Department of Health  
2-Infant Abortion in Texas, Texas Medical Association  
3-Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences  
4-Texas Department of Health, Houston  
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Patricia Bastidas has become chair of the Reproductive Rights Task Force for Houston Area NOW. The first meeting will be Nov. 1 at the World Trade Center. This is a good way to get involved.

## Which Group Are You In?



Pro choicers may be the majority, but anti abortion groups have been far more successful in getting out the vote.

A recent poll (Gallup, June 1979) showed that although 80% of the population is pro choice, versus 17% anti abortion, (3% are undecided) there is only one pro choicer for every 10 anti active in electoral politics!

The message is clear. We've got to deliver the workers to the campaigns and the voters to the polls. The 1980 elections should leave no one in doubt that we're pro choice and we vote!

Workshop: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: OVERVIEW

Kathleen M. Fojtik of Minnesota introduced herself as the Chair of the National NOW Committee which has been in existence for ten months and has a budget of \$1000.00. She discussed the crime of violence against women. Kathy believes that the key to success in overcoming this crime is in passing the ERA so that all workers in the criminal justice system can be told that women cannot be discriminated against. We saw a fine 23-minute film entitled "Battered Women: Violence Behind Closed Doors" in which women in the home described the batterings they had received and in which their male partners rationalized their reasons for hitting them. Then two women from a Chicago group named "Chimera" demonstrated examples of self-defense for women. A \$2.25 paperback they recommended is AGAINST RAPE - A Survival Manual for Women: How To Avoid Entrapment And How To Cope With Rape Physically And Emotionally by A. Medea and K. Thompson (Farrar, Straus & Giroux: N.Y., 1974; 8th printing, 1978). Peggy Hall and I then both attended an exciting workshop continuing this subject matter which Peggy will describe next.

--Clara Willing



Thurs., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Rice Film Center, University & Stockton  
TOUT VA BIEN (1972) \$1.50

This is, by design, the most accessible of Director Jean-Luc Godard's political statements--the acutely modern story of the breakdown in a relationship between a compromised TV director (Yves Montand) and an American journalist (Jane Fonda) who becomes radicalized through a factory strike she covers. Breaking through his previous misogyny, Godard makes here his most important statement on feminism. The polemics are meant to excite as well as inform; incisive monologues, a mammoth set that depicts the factory strike in dissonant cross-section, and an endless tracking shot through an enormous supermarket that ranks with the traffic jam in "Weekend" as Godardian spectacle.

NOW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The first plenary session was a colorful and exciting experience. Most all of the people were wearing green and white for the ERA. The Texas banner was one of the twelve state banners that marched in with our first Women's Marching Band. Ellie picked a slate of officers and backed their campaign. They were elected.  
President Eleanor Smeal  
VP Executive Judy Golsmith  
VP Action Jane Well-Schooly  
Secretary Sandra Roth  
Treasurer Alice Chapman  
The delegates presented the plenary session with 111 resolutions; seven were debated and voted on. The remainder will be reviewed by the National Board. Several members of the Texas delegation expressed concern with this method.  
The delegates from the greater Houston area purchased some of the workshop tapes and by retaping, we should be able to share a great deal of the information collected.

The workshops on Violence Against Women were divided into four different areas. In fact, the one I attended was subdivided into two parts. The topic started out looking at prostitution and what this does to all women. The subject of pornography and its role in both prostitution and violence was then introduced. This is an extremely complicated issue and will require a good deal more than one workshop before clear action programs can be developed.  
Margo St. James of COYOTE and Pricilla Adams of San Francisco have formed a National Task Force on Prostitution and this will become the vehicle for the several goals they have set forth. Decriminalisation will be the U.S. goal and the outlawing of slavery "once and for all" will be the international goal.  
The presence of Flo Kennedy at this session was the frosting on my cake!

Peggy Hall



There is a need to expand the staff of the newsletter. We need someone who is willing to learn how to make the electronic stencils and run the mimeograph machine. The tasks will sort out something like this:

1. Collect/write articles, prepare calendar, prepare copy for the stencilmaker.
2. Make the stencils (ACORN office) run 400-450 copies of the newsletter.
3. Collate, fold, staple, label, and put in zip code order.
4. Count, label and band, take to the Post Office; maintain postage account.

Items 1, 3, and 4 are in pretty good working order now but we need to fill the #2 slot. We can always use extra hands with the other jobs.

**BROADSIDE/HERIZONS STAFF**

The chapters should consider a joint meeting in November to talk about some of the followings points:

1. Could we offer enough courses on our own to pay for the office space?
2. If HAPFCU gives up the office at 4600 Main, what are our choices?
3. Should we have a party during the Christmas Holiday, when, where?

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Off-the -Wall Productions will present Izquierda Ensemble and Cherry Wolfarth Nov. 4, Fitzgerald's, 8:00pm  
December 2, "film series", 8:00pm.

Bay Area NOW will present "Butterflies are Free". Clear Creek Country Theater, November 15, admission \$5.00. This is a chapter fundraiser. 488 4396

*Invites You to Attend An  
Awards Presentation and Party  
Saturday, November 3, 1979,  
7:30 p.m., at The Women's Center,  
4600 Main.*

**TO ALL NEWSLETTER READERS:**

(The following resolution was passed at the October, 1979 action meeting of Houston Area N.O.W.)

WHEREAS, Joseph Coors has publicly admitted personally contributing substantial funding to Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum to oppose the Equal Rights Amendment;

WHEREAS, Joseph Coors is a documented substantial contributor to Committee for Survival of a Free Congress and to Heritage Foundation, both groups of the new right closely aligned with and supportive of the Life Amendment Political Action Committee, political arm of the compulsory pregnancy faction, the so-called right-to-life;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Joseph Coors is a founder of the King Ministries, an alleged religious group which practices the kidnapping and attempted deprogramming of homosexuals;

WHEREAS, Adolph Coors Company has shown consistent discrimination in employment practices and in the granting of distributorships against blacks, browns, women and gays;

WHEREAS, all 1,260,000 shares of voting common stock of Adolph Coors Company are controlled by the Coors family;

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO, supporters of the E.R.A. and subscribers to the economic boycott of unratified states, still have in effect a boycott of Coors beer;

WHEREAS, the success and impact of the union-led boycott can be documented by a 1990 decline of earnings of Adolph Coors Company in 1979.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Houston Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women encourage its membership to boycott Coors beer and to encourage others to do likewise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made public and be printed in the chapter newsletter.

# Craft Fair Begins Nov. 17

The Joan Waite Hanlon  
Houston Area Women's Center Foundation  
&  
The University of Houston Student Affairs Department  
announces

## THE FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN'S CRAFT FAIR

The University of Houston Student Union Building  
Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 18 from 12:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The fair will provide an opportunity for artists and craftspersons of all types to market their wares and for area women's organizations to make available to the community information on their purposes and activities. Proceeds will go toward funding of the proposed Houston Area Women's Center Facility.

Interested individuals and organizations may participate for a one-time booth rental fee listed below. A percentage of profits from items sold is not required, but donations and items for raffle will be appreciated.

Slides or photos of items to be sold or brochures on organizations MUST accompany the registration form along with a check or money order for booth rental.

If you or your organization would like to participate, please send registration form, check or money order, and slides, photos, or brochures by October 26, 1979 to:

Marilyn E. Perryman  
4001 Caroline  
Houston, Texas 77004  
Home Phone: 520-7121 (Evening Only)

For further information  
call 792-4403, (day-time)  
and leave a message  
for Marilyn.

Yes, I would like to participate in the First Annual Women's Craft Fair.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Night \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Booth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Organizations - \$10.00  
Non-Profit Organ. (for publicity only) - \$10.00  
Non-Profit Organ. Selling Items - \$25.00  
Profit Organ. Selling Items (Includes: artists, crafts, etc.) - \$50.00

- \* Please make checks payable to: The Joan Waite Hanlon Houston Area Women's Center Foundation.
- \* Thank you for your interest on behalf of the Foundation.  
Marilyn E. Perryman, Coordinator of First Annual Women's Craft Fair.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

HOUSTON AREA NOW P.O.Box 66351 Houston TX 77006	MONTROSE AREA NOW 1923 Hawthorne Houston TX 77098	NORTHWEST HOUSTON NOW 1031 Arrowhill Houston TX 77077	SOUTHWEST HOUSTON NOW 3523 Tanglewilde Houston TX 77063
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Answers to the following questions are optional, but it will help us to develop programs and activities if we know your interests.

ERA \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care \_\_\_\_\_ Title IX: Sports \_\_\_\_\_ Title IX: Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rape \_\_\_\_\_ Battered Women \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Shelter \_\_\_\_\_ Older Women \_\_\_\_\_  
 Media \_\_\_\_\_ Health Care \_\_\_\_\_ Abortion Rights \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women in Politics \_\_\_\_\_ Third World Women \_\_\_\_\_ Sexual Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Dis-  
 placed Homemaker \_\_\_\_\_ Text Book Review \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you get in touch with us? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in Houston? \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Membership dues are as follows: Students/limited incomes

National	\$20.00	Houston Area	\$6.00	National	\$6.00	NW
State	2.00		2.00	State	2.00	SW
Local	8.00		8.00	Local	4.00	MA
	<u>\$30.00</u>		<u>\$16.00</u>		<u>\$12.00</u>	

This includes subscriptions to National NOW Times and Broadside/Herizons

Please make checks payable to the chapter of your choice. Requests for reduced dues or extended payments must be made in writing.

I would like to join \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.

Enclosed is a check/money order for \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to subscribe to the Texas NOW Times. \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(published bimonthly, not included in State dues)

Send check to: T. Chanler, P.O.Box 36062, Dallas, TX 75235

I would like to subscribe to BROADSIDE/HERIZONS. \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Broadside/Herizons  
c/o Renee Rabb, 1902 Colquitt, 16 C, Houston, TX 77098

If you have friends who might be interested in NOW, we will be glad to send them the newsletter for two months.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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