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Bay Area Chapter

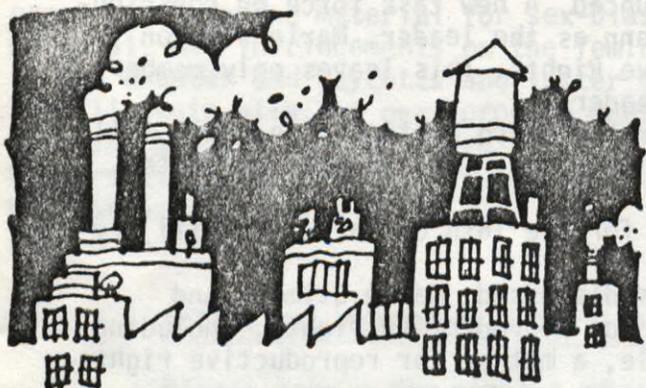
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National Organization for Women

AMAZING!

INDUSTRY
has just discovered
something that will
do the work of

100 MEN!



Program Meeting: "WOMEN AT WORK:
WORLD WAR II TO THE PRESENT"
March 3, 1983 7:30 p.m.
A UNITING CHURCH
El Camino Real & Reseda Blvd.

50 Women!



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NOW OR NATIONAL NOW.*****

I've been asked to tell you more about me, to let you know me better-- as I hope to know you better. How to be brief? I came to NOW by way of Camp Fire, environmentalism, gay activism, college athletics, the oil patch... by design, to ease my loneliness, and by accident; I certainly did not realize what I was getting myself into the first time I ran for a NOW office! Notable habits? Hardly ever drinking or dancing, climbing trees after especially distressing meetings, carrying a notebook everywhere/taking copious notes, loving to tell tall tales (true ones aloud, imagined ones on paper), getting most of my volunteer jollies out of paperwork. After the last program meeting, when I asked what drives our chapter activists, I said I am a compulsive activist as a means of staving off depression. Quite true-- emotional instability is a family tendency best held at bay by constant work.

But there is more to it than that. Feminism is a wellspring of hope. It is the affirmation of the best in the species even as it acknowledges that the world needs a lot of repair. I believe in people. I believe the world can be changed for the better--by you, by me, by us together. When I think of myself in old age, I smile. I'm going to be one heckuva grey-haired roof-raiser. Then I am going to look back on this earth from by next stop-over and know that it is better for my touch upon it. And that will be all the thanks I'll need.

Bonnie Huval

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING.....FEBRUARY 16, 1983

The meeting was called to order by co-president Judy Snyder. Members present: Mary Skinner, Deborah Teasley, Marie Stimson, Judi Hoffman, Pat Kuhlmann, Phyllis Tucker, Collette Roberts, and Judy Snyder. A quorum was declared.

Vacancies in task forces were announced. A new task force on consciousness-raising was formed with Pat Kuhlmann as the leader. Marie Stimson was re-confirmed as head of Reproductive Rights. This leaves only membership and the ERA task forces without leaders.

The membership selected a topic for the March Meeting. The title will be "Women at Work: World War II to the Present". This will be presented by George Lipsitz.

The March business meeting was set for the 16th of March. We will try to meet at A Uniting Church.

The program for the May meeting was discussed. Marie Stimson and Collette Roberts will arrange a meeting on reproductive rights, including speakers from the community; for example, a mother for reproductive rights, a minister, a legislator, etc.

The calendar for the coming months was reviewed.

An update of women's legislative issues was given

Judy Snyder reported on the state of ERA on the National level. The status is good there. The position of National NOW on state ERA's was read. National NOW is opposed to the introduction of state ERA's because this would divert funds and energies from the national ERA campaign.

The Essay Contest was discussed. Pat Kuhlmann and her committee have distributed posters to several schools as well as flyers explaining the rules of the contest. Response has been gratifying. The deadline for receiving entries is March 11. Eleven or twelve schools are participating. Announcements were sent to 11 area newspapers. We will have three judges.

The garage sale was discussed. The need for pick-up both before and after the garage sale was discussed. We will call a local pick-up service to get our leftovers. Mary Skinner volunteered her home as a site for storage of garage sale items before the sale. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th. The site will be A Uniting Church.

Phyllis Tucker announced that she wants task force leaders to write columns in the newsletter about task force activities and concerns. Members should clip articles and sent to Phyllis. Dorothy Howard may be contributing a regular column on chapter history. The deadline for this month's issue and for all issues is the third Friday of the month.

Pat Kuhlmann agreed to contact other NOW chapters in the Houston Area to see if billboards could be arranged as a joint venture.

Pat introduced a motion to be presented to the Texas State Council meeting to ban smoking in the meeting rooms, and the chapter voted to support that motion.

A motion to suggest a memorial in memory of Nan Bruckner was made and passed. We will suggest that NOW members contribute to the Educational Equity Defense Fund of National L.D.E.F. or to the scholarship fund of UH/CLC.

Chapter projects for the future were discussed. A fall seminar for teenagers focusing on reproductive issues was approved. Phyllis Tucker, Judi Hoffman, Pat Kuhlmann and Mary Skinner were appointed to plan for this event.

The chapter decided to begin media monitoring. We are instructed to critique television shows, radio and television advertisements, and newspaper and magazine material for sex-biased, misogynistic, or stereotypical material. All infringements on the female consciousness should be reported to the chapter and boycotts and letter writing campaigns can be started. We will begin with the next program meeting, March 3, 1983.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Skinner
Acting Secretary

ATTENTION, ATTENTION ATTENTION!!!!!

Please take a few minutes of your valuable time and fill in the enclosed survey. Our 10th anniversary is coming up soon and to continue to make this the best chapter in the Houston Area we need to know more about you. After all a NOW chapter is only as active as its members. Mail completed survey's to either Judy Snyder 16210 Mill Point Houston, Tx. 77059 or Bonnie Huval 708 Verhalen Rd. Alvin. Tx. 77511.

Bay Area N.O.W. congratulates Austin mayor Carole McClellan on her appointment to the Texas Insurance Board. Also, Peggy Rosson, of El Paso, the "housewife" member of the Public Utility Commission.

State Senator Craig Washington deserves our thanks and admiration for his statements on the floor of the Senate during the A & M Board of Regents debate. Excerpt....."I am the only person of color on the floor. It's not my responsibility to represent all the people of my color in Texas. There are nine members of this body who have between 20 and 30% minorities in their districts. I find three who have between 30 and 40%. I find two who have between 40 and 50% and eight more who have over 50%....I ask you, why aren't there blacks or Mexican Americans represented on that Texas A&M Regents Board?".....In an interview with the Texas Observer, Washington elaborated on his earlier remarks in the Senate: "It didn't take me saying it for them to realize that boards and agencies are not reflective of a cross-section of Texas. Look at the members of the Senate. All of them have at least 50% women in their districts. And a surprising number have a relatively high percentage of minorities.....I think it goes without saying that there is significant underrepresentation on behalf of women and minorities..." (The above was edited from the Texas Observer, Feb.11,1983.)

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING PAT KUHLMANN 488-3278

At the last business meeting, Bay Area N.O.W. appointed Pat Kuhlmann to chair the Consciousness Raising Task Force. Very shortly, we expect to have on-going C.R. groups in the Bay Area chapter. The C.R. Advisory Committee of Texas N.O.W. is sponsoring a state-wide workshop in Dallas on March 19 & 20. This workshop is FREE to all N.O.W. members and will include topics all the way from "The Absurd, Bizarre, and Mysterious" to "Peace and Sanity Techniques. The workshop is being held at the Dallas County NOW Office, 3107 Routh in Dallas. Pre-Registration is a must. Send in your name, address, home and work number, and if you need child care, before March 7, 1983, to Ellen Sue Devaney, Texas N.O.W. CR Advisory Committee, 5314 Straight Arrow, Humble, Texas 77346. At the present time both Pat Kuhlmann and Deborah Teasley are planning to attend. Maybe we can set up some type of car-pool.

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- Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex;
- Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this Article;
- Section 3. This Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

On Sunday, March 6, 1983, a workshop entitled "TEXAS E.R.A.- MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU" will be presented in Austin, Texas. This workshop is being offered by the Austin chapter of N.O.W., the Women's Advocacy Project and the E.R.A. Impact Project. This is a great opportunity to find out exactly how our state E.R.A. has changed our lives. Judith Avner, N.O.W./L.D.E.F.; Mary Keller, Special Assistant to the Texas Attorney General, and Marianne Foley, Texas Women's Political Caucus will present this workshop. The workshop is FREE. Location...Main Public Library, 800 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas. Time...1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Barbara Duke in Austin 1-512-476-0510.

Greek women get equal rights

/The Houston Post/Wed., Jan. 26, 1983 ★

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Parliament passed a law Tuesday granting Greek women full equal rights and making divorce easier. It also replaced the age-old dowry system with a marriage settlement agreement for both men and women.

And how FAR have we come ????

Houston Chronicle
Monday, February 14, 1983

Women not much help

Be reminded, ladies — and any gentlemen who might be interested — that Tuesday, Feb. 15, is St. Susan's birthday. She would be 163 years old Tuesday, if she had made it.

Ms. Anthony, along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and served as president of the association from 1892 to 1900.

St. Susan went to her heavenly reward before American women got the right to vote and "clean up politics" — which may have been just as well, since women voters still haven't had any noticeable effect on the state of politics, city, county, state, or nation, and Ms. Anthony would have been terribly disappointed.

She was also a founder of the Daughters of Temperance, and THAT didn't work too well, either.

**In
Houston**
by Allison Sanders

For many new members of N.O.W. and some old members of N.O.W., the issue eventually comes up as to why Lesbian Rights is one of the priority issues of the National Organization for Women. Since March 6 thru 12 is National Women's History Week, I would like to give you a little history of Lesbian Rights and N.O.W.

In 1971, NOW formally went on record as recognizing "the double oppression of women who are lesbians," and stated that a feminist program of action must include action on behalf of lesbian rights. The NOW National Task Force on Sexuality and Lesbianism was established in 1973, two years after the NOW membership at its national conference in Los Angeles adopted a resolution stating that "A woman's right to her own person includes the right to define and express her own sexuality and to choose her own lifestyle."

In October, 1975, NOW members attending the national Conference approved a resolution designating the accomplishment of lesbian rights one of NOW's national priorities. The resolution stated that "abridgement of the basic rights of any woman diminishes the freedom of all of us."

In 1977, National NOW played a pivotal role in the passage of the sexual preference plank of the National Plan of Action adopted by the National Women's Conference in Houston. At its 1977 National Conference, NOW specifically decried "all public and private discrimination against lesbians and gay men in such areas as employment, education, licensing, housing, credit, public accommodations, religion, social welfare, health services, child custody rights, adoption rights, military service, immigration and naturalization, etc.," and declared that "no burden of proof of judgment, reliability, ethicality, capability, or entitlement shall be placed upon such persons which is greater than or different from that placed upon other persons,"

At the 1979 NOW National Conference, a resolution was adopted calling for the development and implementation of legal, legislative, and educational strategies for a National Lesbian Rights Campaign. NOW endorsed, helped organize, and marched in the October 1979 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

In July of 1980, NOW endorsed the Houston March for Justice, a call for a stop to police brutality and harassment of lesbians and gay men.

For a really good history of the struggle over the Lesbian Rights issue in the organization I would suggest reading the chapter "Lesbianism and Feminism" in Sappho Was A Right-On Woman by Sidney Abbott and Barbara Love.

DON'T FORGET

BAY AREA NOW IS HAVING A GARAGE SALE APRIL 8 & 9. We will need all your old items that are just cluttering up your home. Help us make money for the chapter. Collection points are Mary Skinner and Judy Snyder. The sale will be at A Uniting Church from 10 to 4 both days.

A generation that can't hide faces 'the nuclear'

The Houston Post
Tues., Feb. 22, 1983

Second of two parts

BOSTON — The walls of the first-grade classroom held the same timeless decor: February written in block letters. A valentine. A picture of Abraham Lincoln's log cabin. An announcement about George Washington's place in American history.

But seated in a semicircle on the floor of the room, a class of small children

spent an hour with the cameras and sound equipment talking about what one child called "the nuclear."



AT LARGE
Ellen Goodman

They were being filmed for a medical research program to show us what, and when, children know about nuclear weapons in the world.

The contrast between the history on the walls and the contemporary terror on the floor was not as striking to me as it might have been. This was, by the oddest of coincidences, the building where I had gone to grammar school.

Down one of these traditional, beige hallways, my own generation of school children, the first nuclear-age children, had fled to basement air-raid shelters at the sound of the alarm. We had been the subjects of the civil defense of the '50s, a defense whose naivete filled the uproarious documentary film, *Nuclear Follies*, with endless film clips of school children ducking the A-bomb under their desks.

THAT WAS HOW our elders had tried to reassure us; this was how our elders pretended, for themselves and for us, that they could still protect us.

Listening to the first-graders who were just beginning to understand "the nuclear," listening earlier to videotapes of third-, fifth-, seventh-grade and high-school students as they tried to cope with fear and denial, with hopelessness and a diminished belief in the future, I tried to imagine what kind of reassurance today's adults can offer.

What can we say without becoming part of some civil-defense farce, without lying? How can we, who also experience fear and powerlessness, give children a belief in the future?

Roberta Snow, who has interviewed at this school and many Massachusetts schools this past year as chief investigator of the project, has asked herself that question. "As an adult it's very difficult not being able to comfort your children. You want to look them in the face and say, 'You'll never starve, there'll never be a war, I'll always be here.' But we can't honestly do that."

Still, Snow has found some levels at which parents, teachers, adults, can in fact be reassuring. The younger children she has met have some fantasies that are even worse than the reality.

One third-grader has heard about "the button" so much that she envisioned buttons everywhere that anyone could push. Another child thought that nuclear bombs were small enough to be carried around by anyone, like Saturday-night specials. A third believed that one bomb alone could destroy the world.

IF THESE CHILDREN were actually relieved by the facts, others felt better when they discovered that the grown-ups also knew about the threat of nuclear war. "Many kids," said Snow, "were reassured just to discover that adults know what's going on, know that kids are scared and let them be scared without saying, 'Don't be ridiculous.'"

"The most important thing wasn't what adults said, but how they listened."

As for the older children, it was hardest to deal with those who, just like my teen-age generation, blame their elders for this nuclear mess. They are, as Snow said, "trying to make sense of a world that has the capacity to blow up so fast, and angry that they may be robbed of their future."

Teen-agers in particular believe what they see of our lives more than what we say to them. The only genuine comfort that one nuclear generation can offer the next is our activism, in the sense that we're working in our own ways to reduce risks.

The only ultimate protection is prevention. But our children, living with this monster, deserve to be heard, deserve to understand that we know about their fears, share their fears, and are working to make this a less scary world.

My parents' generation tried to comfort themselves and us with air-raid drills. In this school, the elders taught my classmates to duck the bomb. Now, in the same buildings, children are asking us to stand up again.

Goodman is a columnist for The Boston Globe.

Nuclear freeze request OK'd in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — The Iowa Legislature formally ratified a nuclear weapons freeze request by adopting a resolution to be sent to President Reagan. The Senate approved the measure 41-7, following earlier approval by the House. The resolution asks both the Soviet Union and the United States to seek a halt in the nuclear arms race and asks them to negotiate an end to the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

Houston Chronicle

Tuesday, February 22, 1983

Italy pushes birth control; Catholic church not happy

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON
Associated Press

ROME — Cautioning women that love is a "wonderful thing" that can also bring "unwelcome surprises," the Italian government has launched a \$3 million campaign to encourage birth control to avoid abortion.

The effort was not appreciated by the Roman Catholic Church, which bans all artificial methods of birth control and considers abortion grounds for a woman's excommunication from the church.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Sveva Gilardini said: "The purpose of this campaign is to fight the ignorance and the cultural backwardness which still condition and inhibit women in Italy by giving them the necessary instruments to prevent illness for themselves and their children.

"By informing women about adequate specific use of birth control measures, we can avoid a great number of abortions due to misuse of contraceptives," she said.

Although no official figures are available, Italian newspapers estimate that only 4.5 percent of women between 14 and 46 use contraceptives, one of the lowest percentages in Western Europe.

The Health Ministry said there were 115,428 legal abortions in the first six months alone of 1981 plus countless illegal ones, and it blamed the large number on ignorance about contraception. Statistics for other periods were not readily available.

The 1978 law allows a woman over 18 to seek abortion for physical, economic, social or psychological reasons. Abortions at state clinics are free, but women sometimes resort to illegal abortions if the waiting period is too long at the crowded hospitals.

Italian voters turned down an attempt to restrict abortions proposed by church-backed groups in a 1981 referendum.

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican daily newspaper, called the campaign "massive contraceptive propaganda" and complained that the government was spending so much money on it at a time of economic crisis that it has forced cutbacks in other health spending.

The Roman Catholic Church permits only the rhythm method of periodic abstinence from sex for birth control.

The government's Project Woman includes newspaper advertisements, taped messages on the telephone and, starting in a few weeks, 30-second publicity spots on the state-run television.

Houston Chronicle Friday, February 18, 1983

Teen-age sex, like the waves, can't be regulated

by Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

THE REAGAN administration's "squeal rule," requiring federally assisted clinics to inform parents about the birth-control plans of teenagers, did not survive its first court test.

Judge Henry F. Werker of New York's federal district court found that it flouted congressional intent. He might have added that it is probably the most impractical official edict since King Canute's — more so, in fact.

Canute was, as modern politicians say, misquoted. When he commanded the waves to turn back, he was only trying to demonstrate that kings can't do everything. The keepers of the Reagan administration's social issue agenda lack Canute's sense of limits. While busily deregulating what can be regulated, they are trying to regulate what can't be.

Still, there is a serious issue here; and I, for one, find it confusing.

Admittedly, a sternly supervised adolescence did not prepare my generation for the age of sexual emancipation in which our children have grown up. Quite the contrary, as

By telephoning the numbers given in the ad, a caller hears a tape recording saying children should be born as a result of choice and not chance. Women are advised that the pill, the diaphragm and the spiral are the most common contraceptive methods and that they should consult a doctor or a state health clinic to determine which is best for them.

Stressing the importance of preventive medicine, the message also advises women on how to examine themselves for breast tumors and urges periodic testing for tumors of the uterus.

News magazines, movie houses and private television stations carry regular advertising for condoms but not for female contraceptives.

Television spots will be carried for three months before and after the nightly news programs. Pamphlets will also be distributed in pharmacies, schools and hospitals around the country.

two vivid memories may suggest.

A "house mother" at a "girls college" where I once "dated" (those antique terms, believe it or not, were once seriously used) was said to have asked an embracing couple: "What, pray, are you saving for marriage?" Even my old-fig generation found that question funny, but realms of plausible expectation were revealed in it.

The really mortifying memory, however, is having been forbidden to see the red-hot movie of my teen-aged years, *The Outlaw*, with Jane Russell. The scandal, if you can believe it, was Miss Russell's adventurous neckline and some rowdy tumbling in a hayloft that by today's standards wouldn't shock even Phyllis Schlafly.

Mortifying as this was, my movie-going was not as strictly supervised as that of my two closest boyhood chums. Before they could head off for the theater, their mother checked everything in the PTA magazine.

Despite, or maybe because of, this cloistered conditioning, I have some sympathy for the Reagan administration's chastity nostalgia.

But how does one apply it today? Unless you relish the role of a prurient Edgar Hooverish parent with your

children — and I didn't, with my two — you soon resign yourself to the reality: They will work, or blunder, their way to their own sexual ethic. And it will be different, as 1983 is different from 1953.

Judge Werker's duty was to consider the legality of the rule. But the deeper issue is conflicting views of ethical nurturing. Everyone, I suppose, hopes that his or her children will somehow avoid the exploitative and affectionless sexual morality hawked by the acolytes of the Playboy school.

But how? By trying to write ethical rules into law? By turning physicians and birth-control counselors into spies? To the extent that teen-agers are interested in contraception, enlisting clinics as tattletales may discourage it — not unwanted pregnancy.

Our children are responding, as is inevitable, to a culture in which sex has been cheapened and made banal — stripped of depth and mystery by unrestrained access to magazines, movies and scores of leering television dramas.

It may be no great loss that sex has been deromanticized. But the romantic view at least was better than the predatory view.

It is all really a matter of gains and losses. One unmourned casualty of the new candor, for instance, is the dirty joke — especially in the sexist forms it once took. The dirty joke has become a bore, and that is a humanizing change and a gain for taste. Candor, within sane limits, is a plus, though it is too easily mistaken for understanding.

The nostalgic conservatives are right when they insist that a rich dimension is lost when sex becomes a banality, a mechanical commonplace, losing its links to the mystery of life. But sexual responsibility is no more to be instilled than other private values by intrusive legal edicts that require others to violate confidentiality. The attempt to bootleg parental supervision back into teen-age sex in this way would fail, even if it accorded with the will of Congress.

The "squeal rule," though perhaps well-intended, is another misguided variation on prohibitionism — an experiment noble in purpose that employs Canute's techniques without Canute's wisdom.

Yoder, a Pulitzer Prize winner for editorial writing, is a syndicated columnist based in Washington.

Thursday, February 17, 1983

Houston Chronicle

HHS to appeal decision on 'squeal' rule

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Department of Health and Human Services announced it will appeal a judge's ruling on a controversial birth-control regulation. The regulation requires clinics getting federal funds to tell parents when their teen-age daughters request birth control pills or devices. The regulation was scheduled to take effect Feb. 25. But U.S. District Judge Henry Werker of New York said it seems to "subvert the intent of Congress," and he prohibited the department from enforcing the rule until a trial is held.

Birth-control decision applies to nation

NEW YORK (UPI) — District Judge Henry Werker said his decision to block a new rule that requires federally funded clinics to notify parents when their daughters get birth control devices applies nationwide. Earlier there had been some question whether his ruling applied only in New York. Opponents of the rule claimed it would lead to an additional 1,000 unwanted teen-age pregnancies and 1,000 more abortions each month. The administration said it will appeal Werker's ruling.

Chronicle 2-19-83

Education board to allow debate at text hearings

Houston Chronicle

Saturday, February 12, 1983

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education voted unanimously Friday to let witnesses testify in favor of proposed schoolbooks at state textbook hearings, and allow debates between opposing sides.

If approved formally, as expected, it would dramatically change the way textbooks are chosen in Texas, where it is a \$60 million industry.

Currently only opponents of books can testify. Publishers are allowed to respond, but only to the specific complaint they cannot initiate testimony.

Present at Friday's session were the leaders of the two groups whose feud spawned the change — Michael Hudson, Texas coordinator for People for the American Way, a national anti-censorship group founded by *All in the Family* producer Norman Lear; and Norma Gabler, a Longview housewife who with her husband, Mel, has been appearing at the textbook hearings for 21 years to complain about books that do not uphold "tradition."

"We are surprised and pleased that the board acted so quickly and so extensively," said Hudson after the meeting.

"I have a lot of questions, because I've been part of the process," said Mrs. Ga-

bler, but she added that she "never had any problem" with relaxing the rules on testimony.

Publishers, whose livelihood depends on winning approval of the state textbook committee, have declined to comment on the controversy.

American Way protested the selection process when the group's representatives were not allowed to rebut the Gablers and other conservative protesters at the 1982 hearings. The group was, however, allowed to submit written comments for the hearing record.

Hudson said the group focused on the Texas system, because Texas is the nation's second largest buyer of textbooks, and its decisions can affect the availability of books nationwide. Publishers usually cannot afford to publish two editions of a book, so the one adopted by Texas may be the only one marketed everywhere.

Texas is expected to purchase \$60 million in textbooks in 1983.

The board also voted to expand the 15-member Textbook Selection Committee to 27 members, one from each congressional district.

Textbook bill goes to Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would give both those for and against textbooks a chance to be heard has been approved for full Senate debate. The measure was approved Wednesday 9-0 by the Senate Education Committee. Present law and regulations of the State Board of Education allow only those against adoption of textbooks for Texas schools to be heard at hearings before the State Textbook Committee. "All this bill does is give the same opportunity to both sides to be heard," said sponsor of the bill Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls.

Senate OKs bill on textbook adoption process SB27

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would allow supporters of textbooks to testify at state adoption hearings.

The measure was approved by a 30-0 vote.

Currently, only protestors can testify at the textbook hearings.

In addition to removing that restriction, the bill sponsored by state Sen. Ray Farabee would increase the size of the textbook selection committee from 15 to

27 — one from each congressional district in Texas.

Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said his bill was written by employees of the Texas Education Agency. People for the American Way, a national anti-censorship organization founded by *All in the Family* television producer Norman Lear, has focused attention on changing the hearing rules to combat certain right-wing protestors such as Mel and Norma Gabler of Longview. The state of Texas is one of the largest buyers of textbooks in the nation.

Avoiding rape usually means 'fighting, screaming, fleeing'

Sunday, February 13, 1983

BY HANKE GRATTEAU
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"I BIT DOWN on his fingers until I felt bone," the woman at the podium said calmly. "I yanked. I tore. I pushed. I shoved and gouged. I used adrenaline instead of panic."

The crowd of 250 women attending the recent Women's Self-Defense Protection Seminar heartily cheered the tactics employed by the speaker. The tactics enabled her to escape a would-be rapist.

Her comments, like more than a half-dozen other accounts, were aimed at drawing attention to the fact that more rapes and sexual assaults are avoided than are completed.

In 1981, more than 4,400 females reported to Chicago police that they were victims of sex crimes. Not included in those figures are findings by experts that, for every rape, at least two women avoid sexual attacks.

A 38-year-old woman from Springfield, Ill., told how she and a friend were abducted at gunpoint before Christmas in a dark parking lot. They were robbed, blindfolded and ordered into another car.

"We ran. I ran expecting to get shot in the back, but somehow I knew I couldn't get into that car," she said. "But when I started to run, I felt better than I had in my whole life. Later, I learned from police that this was a

man who had been raping two and three women a night in that area."

Avoiding rape, according to Prof. Pauline Bart of the University of Illinois, is nearly always associated with "fighting, screaming and fleeing."

"It's unusual to avoid rape by talking to the attacker and trying to get him to see you as a human being," said Bart, a speaker at the seminar sponsored by a coalition of women's groups, the police and the Cook County state's attorney's office.

"Pleading is associated with being raped. Rage is associated with getting away," she said.

Two self-defense demonstrations requiring minimal physical strength were presented at the seminar "so that women can be prepared and realize they have a choice," said Barbara Engel, director of women's services at a YWCA.

Sometimes that choice demands offering no resistance. While research shows that less than 1 percent of rapes end in murder, the statistic is still chilling.

"I was raped," said a woman from the audience. She was nervous, and her voice cracked with emotion.

"You have to weigh the situation. It's better to be raped than be dead," she said.

State Senate approves bill extending statute of limitations in rape cases

Chronicle Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The Senate has approved legislation to extend the statute of limitations for rape and certain other crimes of sexual abuse from three years to five years.

Without debate, senators Monday unanimously approved SB343 by Sen. Bob McFarland, R-Arlington, after McFarland reported authorities in Tarrant County believe one person was responsible for 25 to 30 rapes in that area, the last

of which occurred slightly more than three years ago.

"That perpetrator is totally immune to prosecution," McFarland said.

Tuesday, February 22, 1983

Houston Chronicle

RICHARD COHEN

MILLER TIME

Okay, roll the commercial: We see a group of nursery school teachers ending their day. They put galoshes on the kids, button the kids' coats, lead the kids out to waiting cars, and then one of the teachers turns to her colleagues and says, "Now, it's Miller Time." Then they all repair to the neighborhood bar where they hoist a few and are served by really handsome bartenders and waiters—the only men in the place.

Or maybe we should roll another commercial. This time you see stewardesses doing their chores on the plane and then buckling up as the plane comes in for a landing. Then with their suitcases in tow, they head for the bar, patting themselves on the back and laughing all the way. At the bar, they drink round after round while mimicking a passenger throwing up or mouthing the words, "Sorry, I'm out of change."

Of course, you do not see such commercials on television. All they are, though, are feminine versions of your average beer commercial in which men are usually shown at macho jobs (ranching, lumbering) and then seen splitting for the nearest tavern. There is a lot of camaraderie in those commercials, enough to make the Three Musketeers seem like a school board, but there are not all that many women.

The explanation for that can be found in that most sinister of all terms, market research. Women might drink beer, but they do not drink enough. In fact, 80 percent of the beer is consumed by 30 percent of the beer drinkers and two-thirds of that is consumed by men 18 to 34 years. And when do they drink that beer? They drink it between late afternoon and early evening—half of them some time between leaving work and going home, assuming after all that beer they can find their way home.

There is, I suppose, some sort of feminist critique to be made of these commercials—how they show a world without women, specifically without wives, and how the very absence of women is supposed to be tantamount to that most precious of all commodities, freedom. But the real reason I substituted women for men is to make another point.

If it were women who were quitting work and running—not walking—to the nearest bar, and if it were women who were swigging down seven or eight beers before heading home to hubby, baby and whatever else, we would all be appalled. We would be wondering what in the world was wrong with those women, how dreary their lives must be and thinking how, in the end, someone who caps a workday by drinking seven or eight beers either has a drinking problem or at the very least a beer belly.

But because these are men, no such thoughts occur. We are so used to linking beer or other alcoholic drinks with a good time and so accustomed to accepting beer as the lubricant for male camaraderie, that we don't question commercials based on these myths, although of course we know better. A person who drinks seven or eight beers in one or two hours is more than just thirsty. That person might be depressed, might be in a boring, dead-end job, might not have any reason to go home and might, in fact, have every reason not to want to go home—like there is no one there.

So in some entertaining way, these commercials are a lie. They are like cigarette ads that promise any number of things—romance, sex, excitement—but deliver nothing but cancer or heart disease or maybe, if you are lucky, just a cough in the morning. They create a world that is false—not to mention, as it says on the pack, "dangerous to your health."

The result when it comes to beer is an entire drinking mythology. It contributes both to the appalling rate of alcoholism among teen-agers and to what the Wall Street Journal reports is the new concern at colleges over alcohol abuse on campus. The kids are just trying to recreate what they have seen on television.

I love beer and from time to time I have enjoyed myself in bars. But life is different from a commercial. Call them 30-second lies or a shuck or anything you want, but what you don't see in the commercials is what happens to the customers they're aimed at. It's understandable. For many of them, "Miller Time" leads to the hardest time of all.

MARGIE ADAM IN CONCERT. UH/CLC SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1983.
The concert will be dedicated to Dr. Nannette Bruckner.
Tickets are \$5.00 in advance for students and senior citizens.
\$8.00 for others. Main Auditorium 8:00 p.m.

HISTORY OF BAY AREA N.O.W.

- March, '74.....Sponsored a workshop for high school women in the Bay Area entitled "Alternatives for Young Women" with hand-outs on Laws on Sex Discrimination and Title IX.
- March, '75.....Program meeting was "The World of Prostitution" presented by Dr. Nanette Bruckner.
- March, '76.....Program meeting was "Feminist Political Involvement, How and Why" presented by Billie Carr.
- March, '77.....Participated in a march and a rally sponsored by the Women's Rights Coordinating Council commemorating International Women's Day, March 5th.
- March, '78.....Program meeting was "Women at NASA-Up, Up and Away?" presented by Ruth Fruland.
- March, '79.....Program meeting was "Saloma, The Turkish Delight". A Middle Eastern Belly Dancer and Instructor. She will demonstrate her art, tell us about it's history and it's herstory, and talk about making a living as a belly dancer.
- March, '80.....Picketed an Elder from the Mormon church who was speaking at UH/CLC. Some of the signs were; "Mormon Bosses fear Equal Rights", "A Mormon of Quality does not fear a Women of Equality", "The Mormon's need Sonia Johnson", "A Family Should Not Depend on Patriarchy", "Gay Mormon's for ERA".
- March, '81.....First theater pary fundraiser. "Cactus Flower".

The month of February has been extremely sad for Bay Area NOW members. On February 11, 1983, Paula Maxwell, a member for the past several years, passed away after a long illness. On Monday, February 7, 1983, Dr. Nanette Joan Bruckner died at her residence in Dickinson. Nan came to the Clear Lake Area in 1974 with the opening of UH/CLC. She was active with NOW and was one of the prime forces behind the creation of the Women's Resource Services at the school. It was with her help and oftimes vocal assistance that a women's studies program was finally established at the University. Nan was on the first board of the Houston Area Women's Center, instrumental in assisting W.I.R.E.S. in setting up it's referral system. Nan was not a quiet person. Her strong beliefs in equality led her to some serious and hard fought battles with the administration of UH/CLC to improve their programs. Many of our members knowing the struggle that Nan had with the school felt that these same battles must not happen for other educators in higher institutions; therefore, Bay Area NOW suggest that contributions in memory of Nan be made to the "Educational Equity Defense Fund" of N.O.W./L.D.E.F. For those wishing to do otherwise the Nanette Joan Bruckner Scholarship in Women's Studies at UH/CLC has been established.

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- FEB. 26-27 TEXAS NOW STATE COUNCIL San Antonio, Texas
- MAR. 3 BAY AREA NOW PROGRAM MEETING "Women at Work: World War II to the Present". 7:30 p.m. A Uniting Church
- MAR. 3 LAVINIA ENGLE, an early crusader for women's rights, who died in 1980 at age 87, was one of the participants in a suffrage march down Pennsylvania Avenue on this day in 1913 that was broken up by the police before the women could make it to the White House.
- MAR. 6 "TEXAS E.R.A. - MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU" Austin, Texas (see E.R.A.)
- MAR. 6-12 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK
- MAR. 14 LUCY BEAMAN HOBBS, the nation's first female dentist, born 1833.
- MAR. 15 SISTERHOOD OF SHAAR HASHALOM will have Joyce Gilbert give a slide show and presentation on the new Judy Chicago "The Birth Project" 7:30 p.m.
- MAR. 16 BAY AREA N.O.W. BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 p.m. A Uniting Church El Camino Real & Reseda Blvd.
- MAR. 19 WOMEN'S HISTORY PAGEANT and Day of Observance of Women's History Week. U.H./Main Campus 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pageant will be performed at 3:00 p.m. Appearances by Susan B. Anthony, The Grimke Sisters, Anne Hutchinson and many others.
- MAR. 19-20 CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING WORKSHOP Dallas, Texas (see Consciousness Raising)
- MAR. 22 After 103 years of tireless feminist lobbying, The Equal Rights Amendment is passed in the U.S. Senate, 1972. (11 YEARS LATER.....NO COMMENTS NEEDED THAT ARE PRINTABLE)
- MAR. 27-28 T.A.R.A.L. CONVENTION Bradford Hotel Austin, Texas
- APR. 4-10 WOMEN'S WEEK AT U.H./C.L.C.
- APR. 4 SHANA ALEXANDER, speaking at Women's Week 8:00 p.m.
- APR. 7 BAY AREA N.O.W. PROGRAM MEETING Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse. Celebrating our 10th anniversary and the awards for the Essay Contest.
- APR. 8-9 BAY AREA N.O.W. GARAGE SALE A Uniting Church 10 - 4.
- APR. 9 MARGIE ADAMS IN CONCERT U.H./ C.L.C. 8:00 p.m.
- APR. 15-17 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ARLINGTON, TEXAS
Early registration, before April 1, \$30.00. After April 1, \$35.00. Open to all NOW members. Election of board members, workshops, sisterhood. Registration forms available at March and April program meetings.

BAY AREA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

This survey is intended to help the chapter be more effective by pointing out the interests, skills and energies of the membership/participants. You need not be a paid chapter member to answer the survey, just as you need not be a paid member to participate in some chapter activities. If you are a feminist/activist associated with the chapter somehow, we want to know how you feel and what you think. We're asking for your name/address/etc. so we can update the mail & phone lists and so we will know who to call when a project of special interest to you arises.

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PRECINCT: _____

Why did you become involved with NOW? _____

Why did you choose the Bay Area chapter? _____

Why do you remain involved? _____

What issues or areas of activist work most interest you? Number 1 for highest interest, 2 for next highest, etc. You can use a number more than once to indicate equal interest in more than one area, and you can leave blanks.

Issues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equal Rights Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Freedom | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women and Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Textbook Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title IX | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemakers' Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies (Right Wing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rape | <input type="checkbox"/> Consciousness Raising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Areas of Activist Work:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Training/Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Task Force Coordination (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Coordination (short term) | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning Notices to Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Input to Legislators (your own) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing (production) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as NOW officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Alliance Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Membership Recruitment | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Banking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write/Edit/Produce Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picket | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Table/Fair or Conv. Booth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door to Door Canvas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Is there one issue of overriding concern to you, or one type of activist work you especially like to do? _____

What would you like to see Bay Area NOW do on your favorite issues? _____

What aspect of this are you willing to do? _____

What skills or experience do you have (from anywhere)? _____

How much time are you willing to devote to activism? Write down only what you mean--four hours a month telephoning meeting reminders makes just as legitimate an activist as sixteen hours a day... We all do what we can. _____

Do you prefer to:

(choose one option per line)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> work alone | <input type="checkbox"/> work with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> direct an activity | <input type="checkbox"/> operate with guidance of others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shuffle paper | <input type="checkbox"/> deal with people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> get your name in paper/newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> work behind the scenes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> thrive under pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> avoid high-pressure situations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> do new things | <input type="checkbox"/> do familiar things |

Do you regularly receive calls from your telephone captain? _____

Do you regularly receive your chapter newsletter? _____

BAY AREA NOW POSITIONS/RESOURCE CONTACTS

ADVERTISING RATES

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

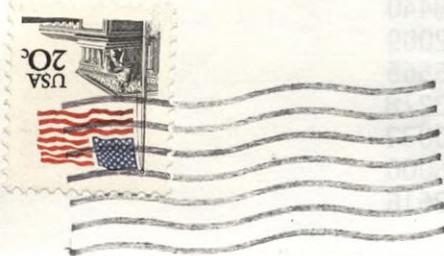
Full Page	\$50.00
Half Page	25.00
1/4 Page	12.50
3 line personal ad	5.00

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

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

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

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1/4 Page 12.50
Line Personal ad 5.00



BAY AREA N.O.W. NEWSLETTER
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"Like the spider, there are those of us who refuse to stop spinning, even when it would appear to be far more sophisticated to be without hope. Our rope, though perhaps frail, can still be spun with optimism, curiosity, wonder, love, and the sincere desire to share a trip to the stars. Our goal is worth the struggle, for in this case the star to which we aspire is full humanity for all."

Leo F. Buscaglia

PERSONHOOD: THE ART OF BEING FULLY HUMAN

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