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National Organization for Women

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Program Meeting: 1983 Texas Legislative Wrap-Up
Presented by: G. K. Sprinkle, Texas NOW Lobbyist
Date: June 2, 1983
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: A Uniting Church El Camino & Reseda

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VIEW FROM THE NEWSLETTER PERSON AND ACTING TREASURER
Phyllis Tucker

This section of the newsletter has been left open to acquaint each of our members with the persons who have accepted various positions of leadership in our organization. This time it is my turn...and that could be dangerous. I had asked each person so far to use this space to introduce themselves, to let us know why they are involved, to find out what their goals are, etc. Well, the nice thing about being the editor is that I can throw all the requests out the window and do it my way. Possibly, that's a good way for me to start. I will do it my way, right or wrong, because that is the right way for me. Notice, I did not say my way is the right or wrong way for you, but only for me; and that is my philosophy of life. I pride myself on the fact that I believe myself to be the great compromiser. I will listen to your arguments, debate your arguments, and if you convince me that your ideas are better than mine, then I am ready to take on your's. It may take time (as some people well know), but the possibility is always there.

I have not always had this attitude. Fifteen years ago, I would have made a great contemporary of our friend(?) Phyllis Schafly. I accepted the fact that women were not half as educated as men; that women belonged in the home, barefoot and pregnant; that a waxed floor and a clean toilet bowl was the extent of my mental ability. Doesn't that sound ill? If it was ill, it was the product of many generations of teaching. When I would have the guts to question this idea, I immediately accepted the guilt of my thoughts. In other words it took me 35 years to finally learn to live; to be a real person; to be me.

There are some of us, who are in the 40 to 60 bracket, who graduated with highest honors from "Our Lady Of Perpetual Guilt." I have been known to inform people that I graduated with a Suma Cum Laude award. My awakening into the real world has been the greatest period, so far, of my life. How great it is to feel. I can feel laughter, sorrow, joy, anger, happiness and express all those without guilt. Gosh, it's great to be a real person. I have found real people who make me laugh, make me cry, make me angry, make me glow, make me important, make me happy. For those people and those to come I stay involved. For those people and those to come I will stay inside this organization and this society to make life a better place. NOW believes that any form of discrimination is wrong and so do I. Enough so that if necessary I will give up job, security or anything else that interferes with that idea to gain equality for all persons regardless of their race, sex, age or sexual preference.

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This is the most important thing that we as human beings have to offer to humanity during our lifetime. This organization is the only way to accomplish this goal. My anger is directed at all those individuals who are too ignorant to accept this responsibility. My anger builds sometimes to frightening proportions. But, that anger keeps me going. We will accomplish our goals; We will accomplish them in my lifetime or else I sure as hell will not enter an after-life that isn't an equal place. I am a BORN AGAIN FEMINIST.

P. T.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS MEETING, MAY 18, 1983

Much discussion about "Las Vegas Night" as fundraiser. Janice Brooks has put in an awful lot of time and research into this idea for the chapter. Tentative date is set for December. If you can offer any experience with this, please contact Janice.

It is textbook review time again. Janice Brooks has already checked out and reviewed ten books. Much help is needed. This is the activity that Bay Area NOW has been involved with for over ten years. We need you to help review. Have a say in what type of books your child studies at school. May 28 and June 4 at 10:00 am, members are encouraged to meet at Janice and review books.

We need to sell the raffle tickets for Texas NOW. For those of you out there who are not aware of the raffle; for \$5.00 you can have an opportunity to win 1st Prize...one week in the Bahamas for two plus \$500.00 in cash, 2nd Prize...one week on Isla Mujeres for two plus \$250.00 cash. The drawing will be held at the Texas NOW state council meeting on June 18, 1983, here in Houston. Contact Bonnie Huval or Judy Snyder or Pat Kuhlmann for tickets.

At the League City Fair a woman approached our booth to ask for assistance to monitor a disc jockey on 97FM. Seems that the morning d.j., name of MOBY, is extremely offensive. We need members to monitor this program and complain. Also, the offensiveness of the Tom Gray Datsun commercials was discussed. We need to take action against this too. To be discussed in more depth at the program meeting.

After much intense discussion over the new proposed chapter membership guidelines from National NOW we all agreed that chapter development must be our first priority. Consequently the July, August, September program meetings will be devoted to chapter development. All members must participate to keep our chapter going. Our main goal for the next year will be monitoring the media in our area and cleaning up the sexism that exists in our local radio, T.V., and newspapers in the area.

Discussion was held on the subject of Bay Areas 10 Year Anniversary celebration. We will hold a dance on July 30, 1983 at the Clear Lake Recreation Center. All former and present members of Bay Area NOW will be invited along with past and present Presidents of National NOW and Texas NOW. If you have addresses of past members who have moved from our area, please contact Phyllis Tucker. If you will be able to house some of these out-of-town guests, please contact Phyllis also. We will need extensive assistance with this project.

Sad Note....Bonnie Huval, co-president, will be resigning her position at the July business meeting. Bonnie's new responsibilities of Regional Board Director will be taking a large portion of her time. Bay Area NOW will miss the energy and time which she has so graciously devoted, but we are also proud of the position which she has been elected to. We will be looking for someone to fill this position for the rest of the year. If you would like to consider this, be at the July business meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE....JEANNE SALETAN...471-2862

The state Legislative session is just about over. G.K. Sprinkle Texas NOW Lobbyist and Yvonne Broach, Texas NOW Legislative chair have done a fantastic job. The following is from the Legislative Update that Yvonne has put out during the session.

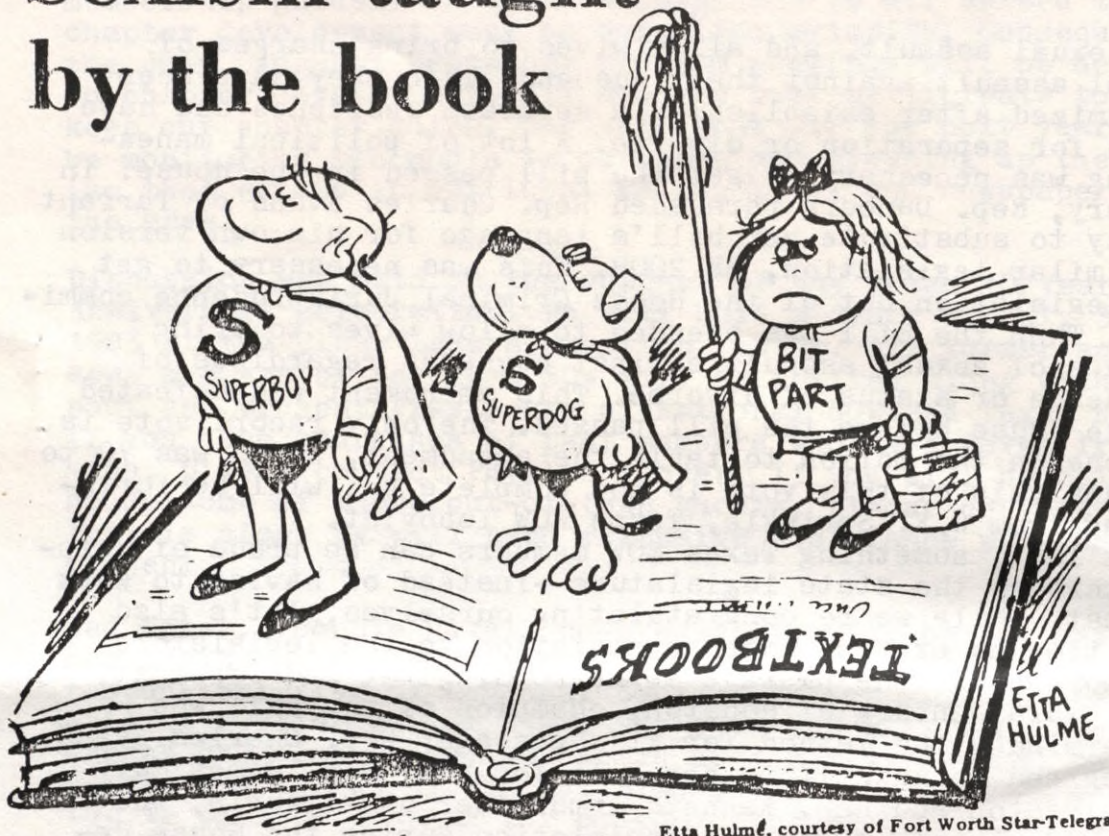
The rape reform legislation endorsed by Texas NOW passed the Texas House May 10 by an overwhelming majority. This legislation, sponsored by Rep. Debra Danburg and Sen. John Whitmire, would reclassify the legal terminology of "rape" into "sexual assault", apply to both sexes, repeal the requirement that a victim prove he or she "earnestly resisted"

the sexual assault, and allow wives to bring charges of sexual assault against their husbands when they have been victimized after establishing a separate residence and have filed for separation or divorce. A lot of political maneuvering was necessary to get the bill passed in the House: in summary, Rep. Danburg persuaded Rep. Charles Evans of Tarrant County to substitute her bill's language for his own version of similar legislation, HB 2008. This was necessary to get the legislation out of the House Criminal Jurisprudence committee. Then the bill was amended to allow wives to bring charges of sexual assault against husbands regardless of residence or status of divorce. This amendment was defeated by the House before the bill passed. The only record vote is the one on the motion to table the amendment, which was 70 to 67. Analysis of this vote is not complete but will be forthcoming from G.K. Sprinkle, Texas NOW lobbyist.

At last, something Texas NOW members can be proud of helping through the state legislature--instead of having to work against. While we're congratulating ourselves, let's also take time to express some appreciation to the legislators who worked for the passage of HB 2008: First and foremost, Rep. Debra Danburg of Houston, champion of the bill who masterminded the method for it's passage; Rep. Charles Evans, who agreed to substitute her bill for his; Rep. James Hury of Galveston and Rep. Kenneth Armbrister of Victoria, who both made speeches for the legislation during the House debate; and the following representatives who helped poll the House before the vote and lobby for the bill, and also voted our way on the amendment: Rep. Paul Colbert (Houston), Jesse Oliver (Dallas), Steve Wolens (Dallas), Erwin Barton (Pasadena), Roy English (Mansfield), Rene Oliveira (Brownsville), Al Granoff (Dallas), Ron Wilson (Houston), and Gordon Arnold (Terrell).

The vote on HJR 1 and HB 2 (child support and wage assignment) is scheduled for May 16 in the Senate...HCR 83, the child care study resolution, has been withdrawn--funding was not available, so the study will be done by Rep. Mary Polk's Human Services Committee...HB 2168, one anti-abortion bill, was yanked from subcommittee by Rep. Brad Wright, put to a vote in his Public Health Committee, and was defeated 4 to 3....HB 2246, the abortion informed consent bill, was suddenly scheduled for committee hearings in House State Affairs for May 16.

Sexism taught by the book



Etta Hulme, courtesy of Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING...PAT KUHLMANN..488-3278

The first CR group for Bay Area in years will hold it's first meeting Tuesday, May 24, at A Uniting Church at 7:30 p.m. CR is so vital for all feminists. CR is so vital for a NOW chapter. So many of us, even though we have been active, still do not understand what NOW is all about. We are the finest and strongest women's organization in the land, but it takes a lot of learning to get there. It takes a lot of learning about ourselves, our sisters, our brothers. Where we have been and where we are going becomes a process we must understand. Join CR now. It's never too soon to start.

In the last issue of the newsletter, we began the essay by Susan Schoppa which won first prize in our essay contest. This is the conclusion of Susan's essay and next month we will feature the essay of Rita Mort who won second place.

by
Susan Schoppa

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Born in Missouri, Nellie Taylor Ross became more involved in the state of Wyoming. In 1902, she married William Bradford Ross. When he died in 1924, she took his place as governor. Nellie was elected to a two-year term of her own. After being narrowly defeated for reelection in 1927, Nellie became a vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee. She seconded Al Smith's nomination. She was very active in the women's part of the 1932 campaign and in 1933, President Roosevelt named her Director of the United States Mint. She served there until 1952.

As this paper shows, the role of women during the "New Deal" was extremely important. As William Wordsworth once said, "A perfect woman, nobly planned; to warn, to comfort and command."

"One Tongue is enough for a Woman" J. Ray English Proverbs

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**Friends of Ginny Foat
may make contributions for
her legal expenses to:**

**Ginny Foat Legal Expense Fund
c/o Robert Tuller
Attorney-at-Law
2601 East Chapman Avenue
Suite 113
Fullerton, CA 92631**

Reagan's Cheerleader on Women's Issues

Dee Jepsen Thinks Feminist Leaders Are 'Filled With Bitterness'

By Juan Williams
Washington Post Staff Writer

THE WASHINGTON POST

Monday, March 7, 1983

The National Organization for Women has "a different philosophical and political agenda One of their major legislative goals is securing legalization of lesbian rights, among other things the rights of prostitutes, too."

—Dee Jepsen

DENVER—The "gender gap" is a myth, most American women oppose the Equal Rights Amendment, Ronald Reagan has appointed more women to the government than any other president and is bringing "solutions not slogans" to women by lowering inflation and putting more food on their tables.

That was the message that Dee Jepsen, the president's liaison to women's groups, brought here over the weekend to the Colorado Federation of Republican Women's Awards Banquet.

It is a message she is telling conservative women's groups such as the Mormon Women's Relief Fund in Salt Lake City, the Freedom Council in Washington, and the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

A born-again Christian who, like Reagan, opposes ERA and abortion, Jepsen, wife of Sen. Roger W. Jepsen (R-Iowa), was brought into the administration last September to improve White House relations with women and to bridge a growing "gender gap" in which polls showed women opposing Reagan's positions on defense, economy and social spending issues.

However, Jepsen has not been carrying her message to moderate groups, such as the League of Women Voters. That has exacerbated tensions between the White House and women's groups at a time when the administration is trying to woo women voters with programs to eliminate sex discrimination in pensions and insurance.

"I think she's a sham," Mary Crisp said. Crisp quit as GOP national co-chairman when Reagan supporters removed the ERA from the platform at the 1980 Republican National Convention.

"Jepsen is not the woman to represent all the women of this country to the president," Crisp said. ". . . If they were sincere they would have chosen a woman that relates to mainstream women and mainstream men and mainstream Republicans."

"We have serious reservations about Dee Jepsen," Quincalee Brown, executive director of the American Association of University Women, said. "Her attitude about women is very unusual She does not come out of the women's movement. She hasn't dealt with women's equity issues."

"Dee Jepsen is something of a mystery to women leaders," Cathy Wilson, national chairman of the National Women's Political Caucus, said. "She's only interested in dealing with women and organizations in line with the president's philosophy."

Jepsen had declined to address the caucus' Iowa group until she received assurances that there would be no critical speeches against the president. The February snowstorm canceled the trip, however.

Last month a group of Republican women in Congress wrote to Reagan that "a disproportionate share of budget reductions are directed toward programs of greatest benefit to women and children." Jepsen was not sent a copy of the letter. The congresswomen are scheduled to meet with the president this week to discuss their objections to his policies.

Jepsen, who said many leaders of women's groups are "filled with bitterness" and are out of touch with American women, acknowledged her limited contact with non-conservative groups in her speech here.

Members of the National Organization for Women, she said Friday night, "are publicly on record as being opposed to this president, opposed to Republican candidates. They have a different philosophical and political agenda. . . . So if you hear criticism from that source you know why. One of their major legislative goals is securing legalization of lesbian rights, among other things the rights of prostitutes, too."

Saying that the administration has a good record on women, she told her audience: "Be armed with the facts and tell the story"

Jepsen has drawn praise from some conservatives. "She's handling that job just right," Phyllis Schlafly said. "There's no way to appease the radical feminist groups."

Dismissing the gender gap as "a code word for the gay gap," Schlafly said, "The gays are very politically active and they have decided to go with Democratic candidates regardless. . . . The general public sees ERA as a loser."

In a recent interview in her office in the Executive Office Building, Jepsen called the gender gap "overrated." She said that while many single adults oppose Reagan, married couples—men and women—support him.

"You see a lot of figures," Jepsen said. "The gap is a myth."

In her speech here, Jepsen depicted Reagan as under siege from "militant" feminists headquartered in Washington as he tries to do what is best for the majority of American women.

She cited 650 women appointed to high-level positions, including Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman Supreme Court justice, and three Cabinet-level appointments: Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Margaret M. Heckler and U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick.

Jepsen then cited Reagan tax initiatives that eliminated inheritance tax between spouses, allowed wives to make deposits in Individual Retirement Accounts and raised child care deductions.

"I believe that women need the legal and economic, political and social climate that provides them with the opportunity to make choices . . .," she said. "But the social climate that provides many choices to women is something that cannot be legislated"

Jepsen said that women's groups that focus primarily on ERA and abortion are "narrow." Women are far more concerned, she said in the interview, with "whatever affects society, particularly the economy, than they are with ERA or abortion." She pointed to Reagan's success in bringing down inflation as giving women more money to feed their families and said the White House is considering changing laws that discriminate against women on pension plans and insurance policies.

White House attention to inequities in pension and insurance for women is a recent concern, prompted by the gender gap and by action taken by Dole while she headed the president's office of public liaison. Dole, whose performance was more popular with women's groups, declined to be interviewed.

"It's been very difficult since Liddy [Dole] left," said Dorothy Riding, president of the League of Women Voters. "Pensions and insurance are issues very dear to the hearts of this organization but they are not the central issues for women in this country. The core issues are still jobs, equal rights, educational equity, and the White House goes right on opposing us on those things. Dee Jepsen doesn't even listen to us."

Reagan fails to trade off ERA silence for anti-abortion support

Houston Chronicle
May 13, 1983

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan recently tried, unsuccessfully, to make a trade with a group of Republican women — his silence on the Equal Rights Amendment for their support on anti-abortion legislation, Capitol Hill sources say.

The sources said that the offer took place at the White House March 24 during a meeting between the president and pro-ERA congresswomen.

The president, a strong opponent of ERA, first chided the female lawmakers for "wanting to revive a dead horse." The amendment's first effort failed to become law when it was ratified by only 35 of the 38 states needed.

The subject of ERA came up when the congresswomen told Reagan, "We know you oppose ERA but when it comes up again we hope you will stay out of the debate and let Congress work its will."

"How would you like to trade?" Reagan suggested in response, the sources said. "I've got some amendments I'm very interested in, too. What about trading for making abortion illegal?"

The sources said, "You could hear people gasping all over the room." Several members of the group support freedom of choice on abortion.

In the end, the only result of the meeting was a promise from Reagan that they would have further talks, the sources said.

With the help of Speaker Thomas O'Neill, pro-ERA lawmakers hope to get the amendment through the House this year. But sponsors indicate they are 10 votes short of the needed two-thirds majority in the Republican-controlled Senate.

"Not me—I'm no feminist!"

As more and more women glom onto top jobs in the country, we are reading more and more in-depth interviews with them. After all, their getting there *is* news. (We hold 1 percent of the biggies already!) Whenever I spy one of these interview gems in a magazine or newspaper, I play a game. I try to visualize the coverage a man would have received in such a situation. And I look for one sentence; 99 percent of the time I find it. The sentence is a killer for any women deeply involved in women's rights.

A newly appointed president of a department store dishes about her business life and how she makes it work with her home life, et cetera, et cetera. She says she definitely is "lucky." (Would a man ever say that?) She says she never could have swung it without the help of her great male mentor, Somerset Glob. (Would a man say that?) And she says she *definitely is not a feminist*. (Would a man say he's not in favor of men?)

A president of a large university says that indeed she believes women can do anything they want to do today, but she is not an active participant in the women's movement. She does not consider herself a "feminist."

A woman way up there in the movie biz—a place that's a rarity for females—says that she doesn't give a hoot about female movies per se. She prefers "people" movies. And as for her own growth in the field, she does not think she owes a damn thing to the women's movement. She made it because she did her homework and paid her dues.

Now I think there are two reasons why intelligent women who make it big say these things. One reason is simple and understandable—sheer egotism. It is amazing that they are in these jobs. It's even more amazing that they did it all on their own. (Well, maybe Glob helped a bit.) But they honestly believe that they have pulled themselves up by their sandal straps or lucked in. They are the new female elite. And they do not want to be identified with any movement that makes it look as if they have cashed in on a good thing.

The second reason these women won't admit to being feminists is that they simply do not know what the hell the word means. (Don't be too disturbed—Webster hasn't figured it out yet either.) So, when asked if they are feminists, either they evade the question if they can or else they definitely go on record that they are not feminists. I think the least these women could do is to try to find out what the word really stands for from people who are working to make a revolution for equality come about.

The store president will give up a weekend of her own time to attend Management Institutes. She wants to know—and must know—the latest trends in running her business. The college prexy will attend all-kinds of academic conferences in order to keep herself on the cutting edge of academic change. The female of the flick world will immerse herself in a weight-loss program because she is directing a film on this subject and in order to get into the actors' heads she will starve herself for two weeks. These women read journals, books, bulletins, reprints of lectures, trade publications, etc., on any subject that will boost them up in their jobs. But, God forbid that they read a Janeway or a Brownmiller, a de Beauvoir, a

Chesler or a Friedan and get smart about their own rights, their own lives, their kids' lives, their husband's/lover's/friend's lives. No time to sit in on a NOW chapter meeting. No time to bone up on the biggest revolution of our time—a revolution that affects all women.

Somehow when they hear the word "feminist" they still punch up on their computer the stereotypical image of the old "libber." Their digital picture is that of a chunky, mustached woman wearing fatigues. A radical of the first order in boots and a charred bra.

Or, if they've left this peculiar female bias behind, they somehow already have learned to devalue the term "feminist" as someone who is antimale. They assume that to be "for" women is to be "against" men.

It takes enormous courage for young middle-management women and young women embarking on a career to stand up and be counted as "feminists." Yet they do. It takes *no* courage for a woman who has made it to the top to ally herself with the "women's movement."

Whether or not they are sensitive enough to realize it (or whether they ever can admit it to themselves), they *didn't* do it alone. It's taken 25 years of the female revolution—a single sex revolution at that—to have conditioned the corporate world into accepting females at the top and allowing them in more and more numbers into the middle role of management. The women's movement has been fought for at the grass-roots level by so many women who have yet to cash in on it at all. It seems appalling to me that the few who have, go out of their way to knock it. **W**

Jane Trahey

By the time you get this newsletter hearings will have already been held in the Texas Senate on our ERA resolution SCR 75. The resolution has been introduced by Senator Craig Washington and co-sponsored by our own Senator Chet Brooks. Our thanks to both of these gentlemen. Why not call Senator Brooks' office (477-3634) and get an update on the hearings.

Representative Debra Danburg has introduced the ERA resolution in the House as HCR 218. Please contact your own representative and ask her/him to sign on as a co-sponsor.

USA TODAY, Monday, May 23, 1983, has devoted it's page of debate to the topic "Equal Rights." I urge every one of you to try to read this copy. I will just quote from the editorial opinion " Next month, Congress will begin hearings on a new push to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. It fell three states short in 1982, even though polls showed a majority of Americans favored it. Opponents say ERA is unnecessary--present laws will do. But the evidence is overwhelming that existing laws haven't done the job.

Unfair pay and promotion practices for women are deeply ingrained in society. Only a Constitutional amendment will provide the broad base that is needed to attack all these pernicious practices. And there should be no time limit on ratification, as there was last year.

A few firsts, in a courtroom or a space shuttle, make it easy to swallow phrases about progress. The truth is that women still have a long, long way to go, and the nation owes them absolute equality under law to help them get there." To USA TODAY, my sincere thanks and gratitude for an excellent page.

CBS is considering cancelling one of the few shows on television that presents an honest picture of working women in non-traditional jobs. "Cagney and Lacey", a show about two women police detectives working in the New York City Police Department, has been under threat of cancellation in the past. We need to show our support now for this kind of programming. Why should a show like "Charlie's Angels" last for umpteen years while this show which presents real women in the real workforce has to fight to stay on the air? For years the networks have given us models of male crime fighters: "Magnum PI", "Matt Houston", "Dukes of Hazard", "Starsky and Hutch", just to cite a few. Can't we have at least one hour a week of programming that shows two regular women working in the non-traditional workforce?

Letters of protest need to be sent to:

Thomas H. Wyman
Chairman of the Board
CBS
51 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

Harvey Sheppard
Programming
CBS Television City
7800 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90037

HB 2138, the so-called Sexual Deviant Acts bill, is still tied up at this writing in sub-committee. With the legislative session just about over, we are all hoping it stay's there. I find it interesting that the supporters of this bill used the fright tactic of AIDS to argue their reasons. Now in the last two weeks the media and the medical association is finally beginning to admit that AIDS is not just a disease affecting primarily the homosexual population. The program 20/20 probably gave the best information when it was stated that it appeared that some individuals had decided to use the AIDS issue as a blatant attack against the homosexual lifestyle. Discrimination is alive and well. We as NOW members must realize that any form of discrimination is an attack on us all.

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND has just published Anti-Gay Legislation: an Attempt to Sanction Inequality? by Rosalyn Richter, project attorney. The 230-pg report analyzes the constitutionality of federal and state laws that bar public funding of gay-related activities, Richter said. Copies of the report cost \$10 plus \$2.50 for handling and can be ordered from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, 132 W. 43 St., NY, NY 10036 (this info is from an excellent newsletter called MATRICES: A LESBIAN-FEMINIST RESEARCH NEWSLETTER. MATRICES is published three times yearly (October, February, and May). The purpose of MATRICES is to provide a network for lesbian feminists doing research. Subscriptions are \$3.00 for one year, \$5.50 for two. Mail subscriptions to Bobby Lacy, Managing Editor, Dept. of English, UNL, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN...BECKY MONROE...486-8616

The rape reform legislation has already been discussed in detail in the legislative report. However, feminists can not thank Rep. Debra Danburg enough for her arguments to include spousal rape. Unfortunately, the majority of our representatives did not see this our way. Maybe we can educate them and change the law next session. Would like to pass on this tidbit from MATRICES.....

"Recently, notices were posted in various parts of Rochester, NY announcing a 10 pm curfew for men. "In order to protect the safety of women and prevent further violence, all men must be off the city's streets after 10 pm unless accompanied by two or more women, " said the posters, which bore the official city seal and gave a city hall phone number to call for further information. City officials say they have no idea who posted the "ordinance." (Info from Amazon

The Houston Chronicle, May 23, 1983, has printed and extremely informative article on Sen. John Tower and the problems he is having with the GOP anti-abortionists. Sen. Tower has been a consistent supporter of abortion rights and is considered to have "a 100% pro-choice" voting record according to Jan Friese, director of Texas office of NARAL. Letters, telegrams and phone calls are needed desperately. Keep Sen. Tower on our side during this vote.

We need action immediately!

S.J. Res. 3, the revised Hatch constitutional amendment on abortion, is expected to come up for a vote on the Senate floor either the week of May 16 or, more likely, the week of May 23. Phone calls, POMs, mail and visits to every member of the Senate are urgently needed. The following are the special targets who are as yet uncommitted but whose votes we need and, with enough grass roots support, may get:

Andrews (R-ND)	Nunn (D-GA)
Baker (R-TN)	Pryor (D-AR)
Bentsen (D-TX)	Roth (R-DE)
Biden (D-DE)	Sasser (D-TN)
Boren (D-OK)	Tower (R-TX)
Chiles (D-FL)	Trible (R-VA)
Dixon (D-IL)	Wallop (R-WY)
Goldwater (R-AZ)	Warner (R-VA)
Heinz (R-PA)	Wilson (R-CA)
Melcher (D-MT)	

SAMPLE POMs:

- (1) A vote for S.J. Res. 3 is a vote against women. Vote against S.J. Res. 3.
- (2) Don't let abortion be murder in (your state) but safe and legal in (a state far away). Vote against S.J. Res. 3.
- (3) The Hatch Amendment means government intervention in women's private lives. Vote against S.J. Res. 3.
- (4) Keep abortion safe, legal, and keep abortion laws uniform throughout the country. Vote against S.J. Res. 3.

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1st Prize....one week in the BAHAMAS (includes round-trip airfare and lodging) for two plus \$500.00

2nd Prize....one week on ISLA MUJERES-Island of Women (includes round-trip airfare and lodging) for two plus \$250.00

\$5.00 donation entitles you to a chance at each trip

Drawing will be held at Texas NOW state council June 18th, 1983, to be held in Houston.

This is a major fundraiser for Texas NOW help us to continue the fine work of the state organization. To purchase your ticket see or call Judy Snyder, Bonnie Huval, Pat Kuhlmann or Judi Hoffman.

BAY AREA NOW CALENDAR

- MAY 28 Textbook Reviews...10:00 am...Janice Brooks
- JUNE 2 Program Meeting, Bay Area NOW...A Uniting Church, El Camino & Reseda 7:30 pm
- JUNE 4 Textbook Reviews...see May 28
- JUNE 9 "STOP RAPE" Rally...see flyer
- JUNE 15 Business Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- JUNE 18-19 Texas NOW State Council Meeting...Houston
- JUNE 26 1983 G.P.C. Rally, Summit
- JUNE 28 NOW Focus on "A Women's Place"...KPFT FM
- JULY 7 Program Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- July 9 NOW Equality Walk '83
- July 20 Business Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- July 26 NOW Focus..."A Women's Place"...KPFT FM
- July 30 10th Anniversary Party/Dance..Bay Area NOW
- AUG. 4 Program Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- AUG. 17 Business Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- AUG. 23 NOW Focus..."A Women's Place"...KPFT FM
- AUG. 27 "We Still Have A Dream" march...Washington, D.C....see your NOW Times, May, 1983
- Sept. 8 Program Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- Sept. 9,10,11 Texas NOW State Conference...Corpus Christi
- Sept. 21 Business Meeting, Bay Area NOW
- Sept. 26 NOW Focus..."A Women's Place"...KPFT FM

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_____ I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW, Texas NOW and National NOW (\$35.00)
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(Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$11 to \$35)
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_____ 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)
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FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS,
OUR CHILDREN, HELP . . .

STOP RAPE!

RALLY

City Hall, June 9th
7-9 PM

SPEAKERS:

Nikki Van Hightower
Houston Area Women's Center

Rhonda Hall-Simms
Black Women's Alliance

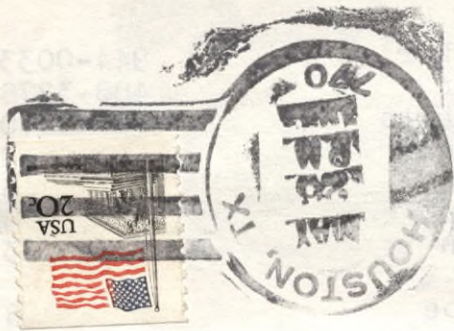
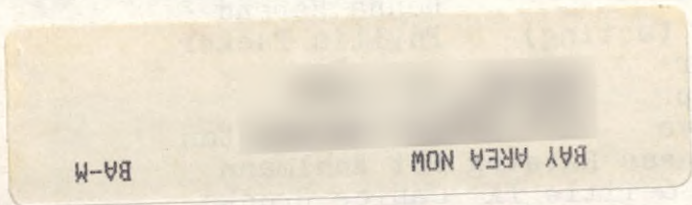
Karen Holmes
University of Houston

- In Houston 17,000 sexual assaults took place in 1982!
- The American Medical Association estimates one in six women will be raped in their lifetime!
- One in five rapes involve more than one rapist!
- On April 12, 1983 a Houston woman was brutally gang raped by eight members of a softball team! At this date no arrests have been made!

BRING FRIENDS!

THIS VIOLENCE MUST END

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THE HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER-RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM



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unless women vote!

Are You Registered?

"NO SELF-RESPECTING WOMAN SHOULD WISH FOR OR WORK FOR THE SUCCESS OF A PARTY WHICH IGNORES HER SEX."

Susan B. Anthony