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# Women Taking Stock in America

Program/Meeting: 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 5, 1978

A Uniting Church

El Camino Real & Reseda, CLC

Eileen Kopecky, account executive for Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith, Inc., will offer basic information about investing, tips on taxes, and instruction on how to read a financial report.

Ms. Kopecky has a bachelor's degree in journalism, and has worked as a marketing representative for Southwestern Bell. She also serves as a consultant for the Women's Information Referral and Exchange Service (WIRES).

Presiding officer: Vicki Carr, 488-5196.

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### WOMEN'S WEEK II Coming Soon at UH/CLC

The University of Houston at Clear Lake will host its second annual Women's Week from January 30th through February 3rd. The week will be highlighted by the appearance and lecture of Betty Friedan on Friday evening, February 3rd at 8 p.m. in the UH/CLC auditorium.

Concerns to be addressed in this week include "As Others See Us", "Lifestyles", "Women and the Law", and "Women and Work". Book discussions, film presentations, panel discussions and lectures are scheduled for public participation. Final schedules detailing the week's activities will be available early in January. (See tentative schedule p. 3 )

WOMEN'S WEEK II is coordinated by the Women's Resource Service at UH/CLC, with Betty Friedan's lecture sponsored by the UH/CLC Cultural Committee. For information about the week and its activities, contact Women's Resource Services at 488-9216. For lecture tickets, call the Information Desk, 488-9288.

### Good Words For Last Month's Contributors

Thank you to all who so openly shared their impressions of the IWY Conference in the NOW News. Your spirit is contagious. As proof, I have tear-stained cheeks, an empty Kleenex box and a joyful heart - and I didn't even attend the conference.

Since I barely have time to read Doonesbury, much less the newspaper or feminist literature, I appreciate reading the clippings and comments in the monthly newsletter. The messages are moving. Thank you.

--Nellie Wegmann

### Equal Opportunity Anyone??

Where was it when the Johnson Space Center recently filled the vacancy of the position of Federal Women's Program Coordinator (FWPC) by lateral assignment, rather than by opening the vacancy to Center-wide (at the very least) competition under regular Civil Service Merit Promotion procedures? On behalf of Bay Area NOW, that is the question that Twiss Butler has been asking Dr. Robert A. Frosch, NASA administrator, Dr. Harriett Jenkins, Chief of NASA's Equal Opportunity Office, and Senator William Proxmire, chair of the Senate appropriations subcommittee which deals with NASA's budget. Prompted by a resultant Proxmire inquiry, it appears that there's now an active search going on at JSC for its misplaced Equal Opportunity Objectives. To aid the effort, Marjorie Randal and Rema Lou Brown have called for the assistance of Eleanore Holmes Norton, Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. It is thought that a November memo from President Carter to all agency and department heads to move more decisively toward equality of opportunity for women in government service may also help to nudge the recollection and guide the judgment of those at JSC who are to be held responsible for the FWPC appointment. A report on the outcome will be supplied when it is available.

### BREAKTHROUGH Calendar Receipts Support Women's Media Projects

"Woman: Inner Reflection" is a beautiful 1978 weekly calendar containing over fifty photographs from the portfolios of Texas artists. Profits from the sale of the calendar go to the newly formed Breakthrough Foundation the purpose of which is to provide scholarships, grants, and other types of support for women in media.

A second Breakthrough Foundation support project is the sale of sets of the three special issues of Breakthrough published for daily distribution at the IWY Conference. These newspapers will be of special interest to libraries, women's study programs, and virtually anyone with a sense of history.

To obtain calendar (\$6.95 . 35¢ tx) or newspapers (\$3), call Breakthrough (526-0254) or Evie Whitsett (488-1777). Bookstores and mail-order (Box 88072, Houston 77004) are other sources.

WOMEN'S WEEK II

University of Houston at Clear Lake City - January 30 through February 3, 1978

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	"As Others See Us"	"Life Styles"	"Women and the Law"	"Women and Work"	
10:00-11:30	Slides and films education textbooks media	Presentation: "Alternate Life Styles"	Discussion: "Homemakers & the Law" Helen Cassidy	Panel: "Women in Management" women faculty	Presentation: "Perceptions of Women in Health Care" V. Davidson
12:00-1:30	Film: "Rookie of the Year"	Book Review: "Against Our Will" N. Bruckner	Presentation: "Women in Her-story" Jean Quataert	Book Review: "Managerial Woman" Linda Calvert	Book Reviews: "Fem. Mystique" "It Changed My Life" N. Bruckner G. Mieszkowski
2:00-4:00	Presentation: "Women as Portrayed in Art" Deborah Lipton	Film: "Some Women of Marrakech" Eliz. Fernea	Presentation: "Taking the Law in Your Own Hands" P. Northcutt	Film: "Union Maids" Pat Cearcy	Discussion: "Life With a Raised Consciousness" Dale Hill
6:00-7:30	Book Review: "Not in God's Image" Twiss Butler	Short Play: "But What Have You Done for Me Lately?" Students	AAUW Reading: "Eve Tells It Like It Is" 7 faculty & Community members	Book discussion: "Of Woman Born" G. Mieszkowski M. Randal	Open
8:00-9:30	(Tentative) Joan Rivers & new film "Rabbit Test"	Discussion: "Women in Crisis" Hou. Women's Ctr., N. Van Hightower, et al.	Discussion: "Goals After National Women's Conf."	Panel: "The Two-Career Marriage."	Speaker: Betty Friedan

Some interchange of items must be considered possible, particularly in the case of Monday evening, but most of the speakers are already firmly committed, including Betty Friedan and Elizabeth Fernea, who are being brought to Houston for their appearances. Fernea is the author of "Guests of the Sheikh," a book of some fame on campuses around the country. Her book "A Street in Marrakech" was published last year. She was the consultant for the British-made film which will be shown here, and which has not yet been released in this country. All Fernea's work is about the life of women in traditional, veiled Moslem societies. It is very consciousness-raising.

The appearance of Betty Friedan is particularly interesting, so soon after her epochal speech at the National Woman's Conference favoring the passage of the sexual preference resolution. Friedan had long opposed supporting lesbian rights, on the ground that the issue is peripheral to women's liberation and support for it is detrimental to efforts for ERA and other mainstream causes. Her graceful reversal of this position is expected to heal a years'-long breach among feminist leaders.

"It's all right, Mrs. Harris," he took on his brisk business tone..."The money's perfectly safe. It's well invested."

Invested; that was a word men always held over women, Mrs. Harris thought, and it always meant they could have none of their own money. She sighed deeply.

"Well, if that's the way it is--" She turned away and went back to the house...

Old Mrs. Harris, Willa Cather

### Breaklight

Light keeps on breaking.  
i keep knowing  
the language of other nations.  
i keep hearing  
tree talk  
water words  
and i keep knowing what they mean.  
and light just keeps on breaking.  
last night  
the fears of my mother came  
knocking and when i  
opened the door  
they tried to explain themselves  
and i understood  
everything they said.

Lucille Clifton, An Ordinary Women

CR EXERCISE: What's Wrong With This Headline?

## Mother among space mission crew finalists

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The mother of a 7-year-old girl is one of six Americans selected as finalists for a scientific assignment on a joint U.S.-European space mission in 1980, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced today.

There will be seats for two scientists on the seven-person Spacelab 1 crew, one an American and one a European.

The other five crew members will be U.S. astronauts.

The American woman finalist is Mrs. Ann F. Whitaker of Huntsville, Ala., a physicist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

Mrs. Whitaker, 38, said of her selection: "I'm very happy, as are my husband and daughter." Her husband, also a physicist, works at the Army's Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

She already is working on the Spacelab 1 mission, she said, as principal investigator on an experiment "dealing with the dynamics and lubrication in space of operating journal bearings."

But even if she is selected for the flight, she might not be the first American

woman in space. At least three others may have a chance before her.

The other American finalists for the U.S.-European flight are Dr. Craig L. Fischer, 40, of Indian Wells, Calif., a doctor; Dr. Michael L. Lampton, 36, of Berkeley, Calif., a space physicist; Byron K. Lichtenberg, 39, of Natick, Mass., a doctoral candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Robert T. Menzies, 34, of Pasadena, Calif., a physicist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Dr. Richard J. Terrile, also of Pasadena, a planetary scientist.

NASA next month plans to name 40 new astronauts for America's next-generation manned space vehicle—the space shuttle.

They will be divided equally among pilots and mission specialists, and sources report there will be at least three women on the latter list.

Mission specialists will deploy satellites, service orbiting satellites and operate laboratories.

The first flight of the shuttle, which will land back on earth like an airplane, is scheduled for March 1979.

The Spacelab 1 will be carried into orbit by another shuttle.

The list of American and European science candidates announced today will be pared to five next spring.

POOR BABY....

### Problems, problems

**Arnold Schwarzenegger**, five times Mr. Universe and six times Mr. Olympia, has a problem women often complain about — he wishes people would consider his brain instead of just his body. He was in Dallas Monday to autograph copies of his book, but prospective buyers kept coming up with things like "tell him to take off his clothes." "You mean that's it," said **Carlie Cameron** as she watched Schwarzenegger, wearing a sport shirt and slacks. "You mean that's all we are going to get him to do? Sign an autograph? The picture in the newspaper advertisement showed him in a bathing suit. I am not going to pay \$9.95 for a book unless he takes off his shirt. I mean, what's there to Arnold Schwarzenegger with his shirt on?" Schwarzenegger sighed and signed.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

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- Jan. 2 - Houston Area NOW will conduct an abortion action. No details available yet. Check your Broadside or call Nancy Kuykendall - 667-4362.
- Jan. 5 - Bay Area NOW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Uniting Church, El Camino Real at Reseda.
- Jan. 7 - Texas NOW Title IX Task Force meeting, 1803 Pearl, Austin (Barbara Duke) at 10 a.m. Will discuss priorities and actions for 1978.
- Jan. 7 - Pot Luck Supper at Peggy Hall's, 1803 Fairview (522-4468), in honor of the Women's Olympic Volley Ball Team. These women need your moral support!!!
- Jan. 11 - West University NOW meeting, 7 p.m., at West University Elementary School.
- Jan. 12 - Northwest NOW meeting, 7:30 p.m., Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale (Campbell exit of Katy Freeway south)
- Jan. 14 - Texas NOW State Council meeting - Ft. Worth, Texas Christian University, Brown Lupton Student Center - 10 a.m. All Task Force Chairs are urged to attend or forward your reports to Lynn Mutchler in time for this meeting.
- Jan. 15 - Regional Board Meeting - Ft. Worth - no further details at this time, but this would be a good chance to meet our regional people if you plan to attend the Texas State NOW Council meeting, or if you are going to be in Ft. Worth that weekend.
- Jan. 17 - Southwest NOW meeting, 7 p.m., Jungman Branch Library.
- Jan. 19 - WRCC meeting, 7:30 p.m., World Trade Building.
- Jan. 21 - HWPC fundraiser and casino. River Oaks Garden Club, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 30 Thru FEBRUARY 3 - WOMEN'S WEEK AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE

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Every time Phyllis Schlafly is asked how she finances her super-glossy, big-time campaign against women's rights, she sweetly responds "Oh, we just pass the hat around." Well, friends, it's that hat-passing time of year for NOW, and you are herewith urged to toss your dues and gratuities into this Abzug sized chapeau which is now circulating invitingly amongst you. Wars cost money, and even if you can't find time to attend this one, you can help finance it by paying your NOW dues. And the newsletter, National NOW Times is OUTSTANDING!

JOIN N.O.W.: Clip and mail with your check to Marjorie Randal, 1922 Redway, Houston 77062.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW. (\$22)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am already a member of National NOW and wish to pay local dues. (\$ 7)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to join but can only afford \$\_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member but would like to receive the NEWSLETTER for a year. (\$4)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to NOW.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a NOW member, I authorize my name and address to be published on the chapter roster.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and/or skills which I can contribute to Bay Area NOW projects:

Comments on Bay Area NOW's program, organization, goals:

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