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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 HANOW business meeting, World Trade Center, 1520 Texas, 7:00pm.
- 6 HAFFCU ANNUAL MEETING; elections, 4600 Main, 7:00pm.
- 6 First Tuesday, Unitarian Women's Group, speaker Twiss Butler, Bay Area NOW. Topic: Sexism in Language; 7:00pm, 5210 Fannin.
- 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- 8 HANOW Program meeting, World Trade Center, see article.
- 10 Holly Near Concert, pianst J.T.Thomas PLUS Chris Williamson Agnea Arnold Hall, U.of H., 8:00pm 665 3083
- 11 Angels vs.Chicago; if you only see one game;see this one!
- 13 Angels vs Iowa
- 14 Southwest NOW 4600 Main, 7:30pm!
- 15 Angels vs New Jersey
- 18 Montrose Area NOW 1803 Fairview Pot Luck Supper, 5:30-7:30pm.
- 18 Angels vs New York
- 18 St. Joan's Alliance, 1801 Sage Rd. 7:30pm.
- 21 HCWPC 4600 Main, 7:30pm.
- 23 Phyllis Chesler, author of Women and Madness, will speak at the U.of H Clear Lake Campus
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- 25 STATE NOW CONFERENCE DENTON
- 24 HAFFCU garage sale
- 25 HCWPC Las Vegas Night fundraiser
- 25 Angels vs Dayton
- 27 Angels vs New Jersey
- 29 AAUW Montrose Branch meetin, Press Club, 2016 Main, 5:30-7:30pm.

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- 8,9, 10 NOW REGIONAL CONFERENCE DENVER

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TRIPLE TREAT--HOLLY NEAR AND FRIENDS!

Houstonian feminists are in for a triple treat. Holly Near, who last visited Texas to perform at the IWY Conference, will be returning to Houston Saturday, March 10th. Holly combines her fine musical talents with cultural work on many issues - women's rights, anti-nuclear work, lesbian rights, Native American support, prisoner's rights. She will perform with pianist J.T. Thomas at 8pm, at University of Houston's Central Campus, Agnes Arnold Hall.

As a bonus, Cris Williamson will do a guest set, in what will be Texas women's first opportunity to experience Cris's spirit-nurturing music live, in concert.

Advance tickets are available from Out & Out Productions, P.O.Box 66354, Houston 77006, or at The Bookstore, Wilde 'N' Stein, B.D. & Daughter, "Just" Marion & Lynn's, or Ms. Take II. Signing, child care provided, and the hall is wheelchair accessible.

HOUSTON AREA NOW - TASK FORCES MAXIMIZE IMPACT

by Aileen McMurrer

The women's movement is facing a critical time right now, with increasing struggles and setbacks in several areas. Because of Houston Area NOW's structure (2 monthly meetings, one designated for programs, the other for business) our impact on the community is limited. Other chapters have supplemented their programs by forming committees or task forces on different issues, that work somewhat independently from the chapter.

Presently we have the excellent opportunity to maximize our impact by forming a task force on Abortion to work in coalition with Bay Area NOW's task force on Choice and a task force on the ERA to work in coalition with the ERA support Committee.

Now the idea of HANOW having task forces will not work unless individuals are willing to commit their time and energy. Being on a task force will mean attending a couple more meetings a month. It will involve such nitty gritty work as stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, speaking to other groups as well as helping to plan strategy. It's not all fun and games, but it's the kind of work that produces results. It also has it's rewards: 1) knowing that you are working--actually doing something!--to better women's position in society and 2) meeting and talking to other feminists in the community.

If you've never done something like this before, you needn't worry, your ideas and plain old 'elbow grease' will be appreciated and now is the time to start learning. If you would like to become more involved please think about this. We will be discussing this at the March 1st Action Meeting. The women's movement is not out there someplace, it's right here with you and me.

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SOCIOLOGY RESEARCHER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Sociology, like many other disciplines has been dominated by traditionally male perspectives. Lori Horn, a graduate student in Sociology at the University of Houston has asked NOW to help with the research for her thesis. She is studying the different decision-making processes which husbands and wives use when making decisions which concern their household.

If you are one of an Anglo couple legally married and presently living together, Lori

would like you to volunteer to be interviewed. A male interviewer will interview the husband while Lori interviews the wife. She says the interviews will be conducted simultaneously (though separate) and the responses of one spouse will not be shared with the other. Interviews will be approximately one hour.

If you meet Lori's criteria, and would like to participate to further understanding of the roles men and women perform in our society, contact Lori at 749-3263 or 496-9100.

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WORKSHOP ON PRESS CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

by Hanna Schechter

SW, Montrose, NW and Houston Area NOW are invited to an "emergency" workshop on writing and presenting press releases, and talking with the press.

If you are interested in attending or in helping plan, leave a message on the women's center line, 522-1849.

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ABORTION LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

reported by Hanna Schechter

These bills have been introduced to the legislature, dealing with abortion. The quotations are from the bills.

1) H.B. 125 and S.B. 117. Identical bills introduced by Walter Mengden in the Senate and Gene Jones in the House. This bill would amend the Texas Family Code to grant to "...a living human fetus removed from the body of a woman" the "same rights, powers and privileges as are granted by the laws of this state to any child born alive after the normal gestation period." The bill would make the fetus a ward of the state if necessary.

2) S.B. 118, Sponsored by Walter Mengden. This bill would prohibit any medical facility "supported in any way by funds raised through tax-

ation" from allowing its facilities to be used for the performance of an abortion "except to save the life of the mother or when the pregnancy resulted from sexual assault." 3) S.B. 119, Sponsored by Walter Mengden. This bill would prohibit any political subdivision from contracting an employee health insurance plan that would pay for abortions, except "to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy resulted from sexual assault."

All 4 of the bills request a suspension of the regular rules that require 3 hearings of a bill. Mengden and Green say it is necessary because this legislation is so pressing and because there are so many bills to be heard.

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FRIDAY: (All activities will be held in the CFO Building, TWU Campus, unless otherwise noted below)

- 6:30-10:00 p.m. Registration  
 7:30-10:00 p.m. Feminist film festival . . . four hours of carefully selected films which deal with subjects which concern us. Plan to join us for a relaxing, get-acquainted time.  
 9:00-10:00 p.m. Convention Committee meetings for those on the Resolutions, By-Laws, Elections and Rules Committees.

SA TURDAY:

- 8:00-11:00 a.m. Registration continues.  
 8:30-10:15 a.m. Plenary Session. Adoption of Convention Rules and Agenda.  
 Agenda  
 Credentials Report  
 Welcome by Suzanne Floyd, President, Denton County N.O.W.  
 Speech by Helen Copittka, Texas feminist  
 10:30-12:00 Session I Workshops (see separate list for information)  
 12:15-12:45 p.m. Lunch Break and get-acquainted time  
 Poetry reading by Joan Larkin  
 1:00-2:30 p.m. Plenary Session  
 2:45-4:15 p.m. Session II Workshops  
 4:30-6:00 p.m. Session III Workshops (the six most popular workshops will be repeated so that everyone has a chance to attend)  
 6:00-6:30 p.m. Business Session, Elections  
 8:00-9:30 p.m. Dinner and guest speaker Judy Goldsmith, Executive Vice President, National N.O.W., at the Holiday Inn  
 10:00-12:00 p.m. Entertainment by Wood and 4-piece feminist combo, Holiday Inn

SUNDAY:

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Run-off voting for officers, if necessary  
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Plenary Session  
 Introduction of New Officers  
 Voting on Proposed By-Laws Changes  
 Voting on Resolutions  
 Adjournment  
 11:00-noon ERA meeting

WORKSHOPS

N.O.W. STATE CONFERENCE 1979

TOPICS	LEADERS
Women in the Media	Marge Schuchat, Dallas N.O.W.
Lesbianism/Gay Rights	Jeanie Minor, San Antonio N.O.W.
Consciousness Raising	Peggy Hall, Montrose N.O.W.
Socialism and Feminism	Carolyn Berman, Denton N.O.W. Lea Sherman, Merril Cohen, Dallas N.O.W.
Reproductive Rights	Charlotte Taft & Cynthia Rutledge, Routh Street Women's Clinic
Women in Higher Education	Dr. Janet L. Aune, Executive Director Texas Woman's Univ. Houston Center
Women in Sports	Sue Mottinger, Sports Information Coordinator, T.W.U.
Women in Texas Law	Carla Crisford & Jonita Borchardt, Denton N.O.W.
Women in the Arts	Sandra Taylor, Ann Caldwell, and Lin Hughes, Denton N.O.W.
Women in Local Politics	Elinor Hughes, Denton City Councilwoman
Math Anxiety	Lynne Mutchler and Peggy Hall, Southwest Houston and Montrose N.O.W.
Newsletter and Women's Directory	Candyce Byrne, Galveston N.O.W. Janelle Jenkins, Dallas N.O.W.



**WHILE IN DENTON**

- (1) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- (2) DENTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
- (3) FEDERAL BUILDING
- (4) DENTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
- (5) DENTON CIVIC CENTER
- (6) EMILY FOWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
- (7) WOMAN S BUILDING
- (8) PARK & SWIMMING POOL
- (9) FIRST LADIES MUSEUM
- (10) LITTLE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS
- (11) TWU GOLF COURSE
- (12) NETTE SCHULTZ PARK
- (13) FEDERAL UNDERGROUND CENTER
- (14) EVERS PARK
- (15) DENTON STATE SCHOOL
- (16) DENIA PARK
- (17) SAM BASS HILL (Pilot Knob)
- (18) BUS TERMINAL
- (19) DENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- (20) MCKENNA PARK
- (21) FLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- (22) DENTON HIGH SCHOOL
- (23) BRONCO FIELD
- (24) FAIRGROUNDS
- (25) OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL
- (26) WESTGATE HOSPITAL
- (27) FOUTS FIELD
- (28) VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER
- (29) NTSU COLISEUM
- (30) HISTORICAL COLLECTION
- (31) NTSU GOLF COURSE

**LAKE LEWISVILLE**  
10 minutes south of Denton

**LAKE GRAPEVINE**  
30 minutes south of Denton

**LAKE TEXOMA**  
One hour northeast of Denton

- 30 MINUTES SOUTH OF DENTON:**
- Dallas/Fort Worth Airport
  - Six Flags Over Texas
  - Dallas Cowboys (NFL)
  - Texas Rangers Baseball
  - Wax Museums
  - Texas State Fair & Musicals

Transportation from DFW Airport to Denton is available from the Denton Limousine Service at a charge of \$8 per person, one-way. This service should be pre-arranged by calling 817-387-4528. Limousines run at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. but do not unless someone has called at least an hour in advance. Extra seats might be obtained by calling their airport number, 247-0432, after arrival. pickups are made at the Surtran desk.

Taxi service between Holiday Inn and TWU costs \$2.50 plus 50¢ for each additional passenger. If enough people return pre-registrations requesting transportation, buses will be arranged at 75¢ per trip.

Babysitting will be available free during convention business hours only. A list of private sitters for evening activities will be available at the registration table.

Food will be available at the convention site during activity breaks Saturday noon and Sunday morning. Juice, soft drinks, granola snacks, fruit, chips, sandwiches and more will be sold at nominal prices.

at these rates: \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Inn, entertainment and banquet site,

\$21 plus tax, one person, one bed  
\$22 king size bed  
\$4 each additional person

Contact: Jim Horn, Holiday Inn  
P.O.Box 1429  
Denton, TX 76201  
817-387-3511

La Quinta has made a special rate for the NOW Conference. You MUST state that you are with the Conference:

\$15 singles  
\$20 doubles

Contact: Arleigh Sewell, LaQuinta Motor Inn  
700 Fort Worth Drive  
Denton, TX 76201  
817-387-5840

Additionally, a limited number of sleeping accommodations will be available in Denton County N.O.W. members' homes. To reserve this limited space, your reservation needs to accompany your convention registration form and be mailed AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL TEXAS FEMINISTS TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING  
TEXAS STATE N.O.W. CONVENTION  
MARCH 23-25, 1979  
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY  
DENTON, TEXAS

The 1979 Texas State NOW Convention promises to be one of the most exciting and memorable events of the year . . . but it can't happen without YOU! Plan to join us in March for a weekend of work and fun.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail as soon as possible. List any special accommodations you will need (signing for the deaf, handicapped facilities, transportation between motel and convention sites, free childcare during convention hours, or lodging in Denton County NOW members' homes). Send this information, and your completed registration form and check or money order to:

Denton County N.O.W.  
Convention Planning Committee  
P. O. Box 402  
Denton, Texas 76201

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I wish to attend the Texas State NOW Convention March 23-25. Enclosed please find my reservations and registration fees:  
(Any N.O.W. member may waive any or all convention registration fees if necessary)

Texas NOW member (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-NOW member (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday night (\$6.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
banquet \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
Texas NOW Convention

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Accommodations I will need are:  
(for babysitting, list number and ages of children)

The three workshops I plan to attend (in order of preference) are:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY, TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND POST THIS!

WOMEN INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE "WOMEN IN THE ARTS" WORKSHOP AT THE TEXAS STATE N.O.W. CONVENTION-MARCH 23,24 & 25th.

**\*JOAN LARKIN WILL BE HERE.** JOAN LARKIN, nationally known poet, playwright and publisher for Out and Out Press, will be giving a poetry reading of her work.

**\*WOMEN POETS:** Please send up to five original poems, plus brief autobiographical sketch and photograph if you have one available, to be used as part of the "Women in the Arts" workshop. There is a possibility of your being published in a forthcoming book on Texas women writers and artists. Please send all to: Ann Caldwell, 703 Bolivar, Denton, Texas, 76201. Include a S.A.S.E. for returns. DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 1979.

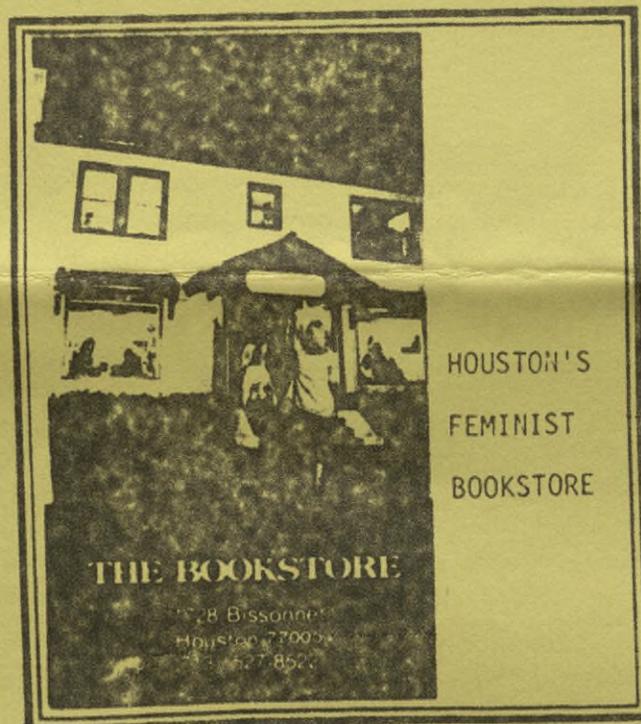
**\*WOMEN WRITERS:** If you have attended a Women Writers Workshop at anytime, please send information on the workshop to the above address. This vital information will be used in the workshop.

**\*WOMEN IN THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS:** We are now accepting work to be used in "Women in the Arts" workshop. Possible publication. Entries must include a S.A.S.E., a \$3.00 handling fee, and a biographical sketch. It is optional to also include a slide of the artist and philosophy concerning the work. Indicate if you will be able to participate in the workshop and in what manner. Categories include:

2-3 D in all media: max. 5 slides  
Video: max. 1, summary helpful (T-32 or L-Betamax casset)  
Performance and or Mixed or Multi-Media Presentations: max. 1, outline helpful, any manner of presentation acceptable.

If your art work does not fit any of the categories you may use your own judgement on how to present your work or interest in participation. Send entries and questions to: Sandy Ferguson Taylor, 703 Bolivar, Denton, Texas, 76201 (817) 387-8008. DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 1979.

**\*FEMINIST MUSICIANS:** Job market, job discrimination, etc., will be dealt with as well as artistic outlets and the general invasion of the formerly male musical domain by women artists-Carla Bley, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Joni Mitchell. Anyone interested in contributing to or participating in the workshop notify: Lin Hughes, 121 Welch, Denton, Texas, 76201. (817) 382-7437 Deadline: March 15, 1979.



**SPECIAL NOTICE**

WEAL regularly meets on the third Thursday of the month, 4600 Main, 7:30pm.

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ADDITIONAL

WORKSHOPS

Proposed-Leaders Unconfirmed

Older Women

Sexual Harrassment

Title IX

Women and Mental Health

## ABORTION LEGISLATION, cont'd

If you are pro-choice, it is imperative that you contact your legislators today and tell them that you are opposed to these bills. We cannot wait until the bills reach the floor for by then it may be too late to stop them. Anti-choice forces are making themselves very visible and vocal. We must do the same. Even if your legislator is pro-choice, (s)he needs your support

now. We must show our allies and our enemies that we too are watching. If you can't get to Austin to see your legislators, you can see them at their local offices. Write letters. It only takes a few minutes to write a letter; it will take years to repeal any of these bills if they become law.

## STRATEGIES WITHIN THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT - HOUSTON AREA NOW MEETING - March 8 at 8 pm

Diversity within the women's movement is often one of our biggest problems and is also one of our greatest assets. In an effort to promote greater understanding so that we may work more closely in the future, HANOW presents a panel discussion on The Different Strategies Within the Women's Movement. The speakers will be: Dr. Hilary Karp, UHCLC; Olga Soliz, WEAL; Carol S. Grande, business person; Theola Petteway, Black Women for Social Change; and representatives of St. Joan's International Alliance, the Socialist Worker's Party and Stand Up Sisters.

## LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO REFORM RAPE LAWS

Houston attorney Michol O'Connor researched and wrote the legislation to revise and reform Texas laws concerning sexual assaults. According to Ms. O'Connor, the proposed bills would strike the term "rape" from the judicial code (except in cases of statutory rape) and replace the term with "assault". This change would eventually decrease the stigma experienced by victims of the crime when they bring charges against the perpetrators. It will also result in stiffer penalties for some forms of sexual assault.

In addition, the new legislation would eliminate the immunity from prosecution for rape now enjoyed by husbands and "live-in boyfriends".

The legislation was introduced into the Texas Legislature in February by Houston Sen. Gene Jones as S.B. 500 and by Representative Berlangas as H.B. 903. Both bills are awaiting hearings in committees in the Senate and House, respectively. S.B. 500 was referred to the Senate Committee for Jurisprudence, chaired by Sen. Ray Farabee, and H.B. 903 was referred to the House Committee for Criminal Jurisprudence, chaired by Rep. Lynn Nabers. Write these legislators and your own legislators to urge them to schedule hearings on these bills and to pass them as soon as possible. The address:

The Honorable (Senator or Representative)  
P.O. Box 12068  
Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78769.

## NEWS FROM W.R.C.C.

The Feb. 15, 1979 meeting of the Women's Rights Coordinating Council marked the beginning of a new term for newly elected Coordinator Phyllis Tucker. As Coordinator she has suggested that the W.R.C.C. and its member organizations undertake a major project for 1979--a fundraiser for a facility for battered women in the Houston Area Women's Center.

Ms. Tucker has asked that W.R.C.C. delegates canvas their organizations for opinions and ideas regarding either a single fundraiser organized by the W.R.C.C. or several fundraisers arranged individually by member organizations. Each organization would try to raise \$100 for the center, or the one large W.R.C.C. event could try for \$2800 (\$100 per organization). Delegates should report from their organizations at the March 15, 1979 W.R.C.C. meeting.

## FUNDRAISER FOR STATE CONVENTION

A variety of door prizes have been donated for the State NOW fundraiser. Additional prizes should be solicited from local businesses; these can be dropped off at Barbara Duke's room in Denton. The drawings will be held Saturday night, March 24th, from 10 to 12 pm.

From Olga Soliz, President of Houston WEAL  
We are dropping the Title IX charges against Sigma Delta Pi Fraternity at the University of Houston as the fraternity has ceased its former policy and practice of excluding women from membership. We certainly hope that Sigma Delta Pi will find means to encourage more women to join the fraternity.

The office of HEW was most helpful in bringing about the improved situation. HEW Civil Rights officers are coming down next week to investigate a charge against Rice University.



