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### KAMPUCHEA

Famine throughout Cambodia has brought outcries from many political leaders in the United States and abroad. One of the most heartening statements of concern has come from women in Congress who have formed a united front in their quest for aid to Cambodia. These women recognize that famine, as a world and moral issue, is a women's issue. With the large number of people facing starvation in Cambodia, women must care.

The Cambodian government does not want overland transport of food to its people, and thus has refused American government aid. Some private agencies are shipping food by sea and air to Cambodia, and their aid has been accepted. You can help these groups by making contributions, earmarked for Cambodian famine victims. Send what you can to one of these private, non-profit agencies:

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Merry Christmas to All and to All Equal Rights

# Coalition Politics United We Stand?

Community leaders representing several minority constituencies, will present a panel, "Coalitions in South Plains Politics: Looking Forward to 1980," at the December Program Meeting. As elections approach, women, blacks and Mexican-Americans of the South Plains form important, but isolated, voting blocs. NOW's strength in South Plains elections can be enhanced by joining with other minorities and with other progressive women who share some of our goals. But, are coalitions possible in area politics? What specific gains can NOW make through coalitions? What goals do we share with other local groups?



Come to the December Program Meeting for answers: Tuesday, December 4, Presbyterian Campus Ministry Chapel, 2412 13th, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

#### Wine and Cheese Party

On December 8, 1979, Lubbock NOW will hold a wine and cheese party at Naomi Elliott's home, 2432 22nd St., from 8 p.m. 'til midnight. Admission will be \$3.00 per person. If you bring a quest who joins the chapter and pays dues that night, admission will be free. Let's get together and celebrate the holidays.

## Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau desires to speak to six Lubbock-area groups before January 1, 1980. The SB hopes to explain the goals of feminism, and to dispel myths and misunderstandings about NOW and feminism. If you know of any interested groups, or willing speakers, please call Marcy Wenzler. SB Chairperson, 762-8950.

#### KAMPUCHFA

(Continued from page 1) Oxfam-America U.N.I.C.E.F. Box 288 United Nations 302 Columbus Ave. United Nations Boston, Mass. 02116 Plaza New York, N.Y.

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#### **ERA Workshop Planned**

On Saturday, November 3, Marge Blackburn, Naomi Elliott, Edna Gott, Lynn Clark, Cathie McWhorter, Teddy Morrissey, and Rachel Williams attended an all-day planning session. The major topic of interest concerned an ERA Workshop, aimed at educating the public on ERA, to be held in January 1980. Because of this decision to hold the workshop, it was also decided that Lubbock NOW should bid not for the January State Council Meeting, but rather for the March meeting.

Planning sessions will be held every quarter. Watch for further details on planning sessions and on the ERA Workshop.

## "HOMES" Realtors



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# Screenings



This time let's talk about television. I don't mean the limited audience, high-class stuff we find on PBS (although Masterpiece Theater might make an interesting subject). I'm interested in the mass appeal of the

commercial networks.

Yet, here too there's a limitation. I don't want to harangue you about "Charlie's Angels" or "The Mis-adventures of Sheriff Lobo," or even "Lou Grant," and too much ink has already been poured into discussions of network news, game shows, soap

I want to speak about what television claims to be its best form of entertainment: the "made-for-TV movie." These extravaganzas take two forms, the series pilot and the morality play. Often the distinctions year's Band Camp incidents. blur, for the truly popular TV movie, whatever its design, becomes de facto, a pilot.

#### Advertisements

During the next two weeks (I'm writing this in early November) the following TV movies are scheduled (all quotations are from advertisements):

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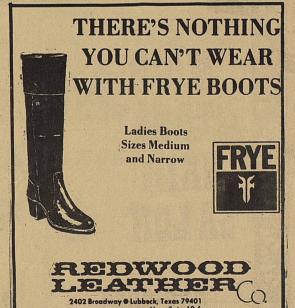
## Band Camp Flop

In July of this year, Lubbock NOW president, Cathie McWhorter re-ceived complaints regarding sexist remarks made, and sexist policies followed, at the Texas Tech Band Camp. Specifically, assemblies held by Mr. Jerry Bartley, director of discipline at the camp, were singled our as being sexist. After attending two assemblies, Cathie, Susie Sappington, and myself concluded that the allegations of sexism indeed were valid.

I filed a complaint with the head of the Band Department, Mr. Killian. After waiting three months, I received a very wishy-washy, patronizing letter which emphasized that Mr. Bartley was one of the most respected and well-trained teachers on the staff.

Although no formal complaint was filed by the chapter, hopefully the confrontation between NOW members and Band Camp personnel will prevent a repetition, in the future, of this

Rachel Williams



#### HEALTH COLLECTIVE PLANS SESSIONS

The West Texas Women's Health Collective has established guidelines for a study group. The group plans to hold literary discussion sessions, and to secure speakers who can enlighten us on relevant topics. Through its activities, the group aims to accomplish many goals. It intends to heighten our awareness of our bodies; to inform us about proper health care and treatment; and to investigate alternative health-care systems.

All interested women are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 10, at 4007 37th Street. We will continue the discussion of

the book, Our Bodies, Our Selves.
For more information call Cathy Allen (742-2412 or 797-8814) or Lynn Clark (741-3523).

#### Screenings

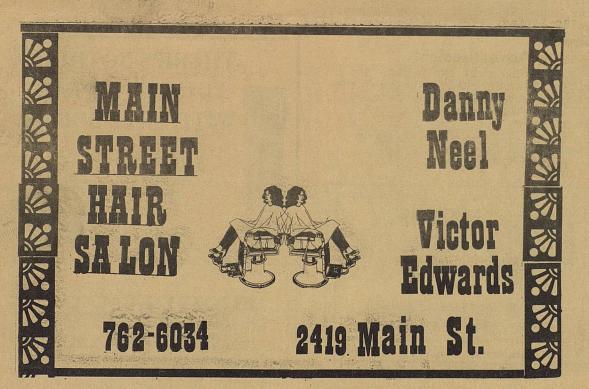
(Continued from page 3) to stop a killer. The Victim: She worked the Hollywood streets once too often! The Starlet: Her films were X-rated, so was her life! The Reporter: It wasn't just another murder...the victim was her sister!"

"The Suicide's Wife": "After her husband's death, she felt...
more hungry for life than ever before."

"Act of Violence": "She fought to protect the rights of criminals... until the night that she became a victim."

"Love for Rent": "Two sisters. Vulnerable. Alone in the city. Finding out what a woman is really

There is a risk in being too negative about all of this. I have seen none of these films; any might prove, despite its advertising, to be moving, or even extraordinary. TV-movies have managed that in the past. (Continued on page 6)



#### December Calendar

4 Tues.

Program Meeting: "Coalitions in South Plains Politics: Looking Forward to 1980." Presbyterian Campus Ministry Chapel, 2412 13th, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

8 Sat. NOW Christmas Wine and Cheese Party, 2432 22nd, 8 p.m. - midnight
Lunch, Orlando's, 24th
and Q, 12-1 p.m.
Action/Business Meeting,

12 Weds.

13 Thurs. 4007 37th, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Happy Hour, O'Malley's, 28 Fri. 1211 University Ave.,

5 p.m.-7 p.m. NOTE: Happy Hour has been shifted to the fourth Friday of each month. It will continue to be held at O'Malley's.

#### Ms. Magazines Needed

The NOW library needs the following issues of MS. Magazine to complete a collection that begins with the Spring, 1972 issues: June and Aug., 1973; July-Aug.-Sept., 1974; Sept., 1975; March, 1976; and June-Nov., 1979.

The NOW library is located in

the home of Lynn Clark, 4007 37th St. All members are invited to check out books and magazines at any time.

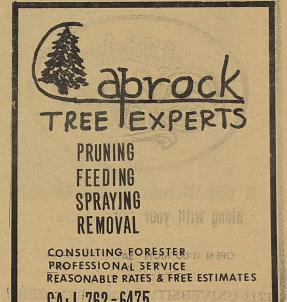
3602 Stide Rd. Security Park Lubback, Tx. 79414

## Smeal Re-Elected Convention Acts

The 1979 National NOW Convention met in Los Angeles, October 4-7. Attended by approximately 3,500 people, including 850 delegates, the Convention was highlighted by election of national officers. Eleanor Smeal, current President, was unopposed for re-election, as was Judy Goldsmith, current Vice-President-Executive. Jane Wells-Schooley defeated incumbent Arlie Scott for the office of Vice-President-Action. Sandra Roth defeated Sharon Parker, and so retained her seat as Secretary, and Alice Chapman defeated incumbent Treasurer Eve. Norman.

Numerous (111, to be exact) resolutions were presented to the delegates, but only seven reached the floor for consideration. Those receiving approval called for the following:

-- A massive national ERA campaign. including thousands of ERA teams, lobbying, grass-roots organization, (continued on Page 6)



#### **SCREENINGS**

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The odds, however, are poor.
Let's consider the list. All
four are so-called "women's
stories." Each of these stories,
we may presume safely, is "socially
responsible." That means that none
will advocate violence -- except,
perhaps, when its directed against
criminals -- or promiscuity. Each
will end, in all liklihood, with
the heroine's renewed respect for
traditional values: home, family,
chastity.

Most of the subjects are drawn from the newspapers (housewife hookers, the Hillside strangler). "The Suicide's Wife" could come from

anywhere.

What is striking is the extraordinary potential each of these
films has to be exploitative, a
potential which is well-realized
in the advertising. This, it appears, is television's way of
treating seriously the concerns
of women.

-- Jeffrey M. Gamso

#### Smeal Re-Elected

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and a strong presence at the 1980
Democratic and Republican conventions. Also called for was "continuing focus on ERA as NOW's
hightest priority."
-- A comprehensive reproductive rights campaign, declaring these as "issues of life and death for women, not mere matters of choice."
-- Strengthening NOW's "entire organizational effort in behalf of lesbian women."

Reported in <u>Texas NOW Times</u>, Nov.-Dec., 1979.



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## HOGWASH

Ann Landers had this to say about marital status: "Not being married is like trying to clap with one hand."

Texas NOW Times, November-December, 1979. Submitted by Cathie McWhorter.

On October 24, second-graders at Murfee Elementary school received a notice which read, in part, as follows: "The Halloween Carnival is upon us. We have a fun booth (the Hospital) to work with this year... We are asking each family to work...during the carnival. We

need dads to be our doctors and moms to help as nurses."

Submitted by John and Susan Wunder.



Contributions to "Hogwash" should be sent to the Editor, Lubbock NOW Times, P.O. Box 83, Lubbock, 79408.



Brandin'

Anita Marier receives the Sigma Chi brand from Jody Webb, a Sigma Chi pledge, during Derby Day activities Sunday. All sorority pledges received the brands at Derby Day. The Photo by Mark Roger

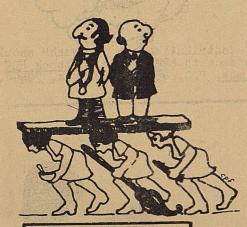
brands were of the latex paint variety, rather than the fireheated brands used to mark cattle.

From the <u>University Daily</u>, Wednesday, October 17, 1979. Submitted by Richmond Flowers.

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## Teenage Pregnancies in Texas

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--From 1966 to 1978, births to girls under 15 increased 86%. -- In 1978, one out of five births was to a teenage girl. -- One third of all teenagers giving birth are unmarried. --In 1975, one out of every three abortions in Texas was obtained by a teenage girl. -- BUT, family planning programs in Texas serve less than one in eight sexually active teenagers.

What the Facts Mean In Dollars

--In 1974, the year family planning outreach began, Medicaid paid for 15,177 births in Texas. By 1977, the number of births paid by Medicaid had declined to 10,594. --The yearly cost for tax subsidized, voluntary family planning services is about \$77 per patient.
--Conversely, the cost to taxpayers for a birth in a family receiving public assistance averaged \$855 in 1977.
--In March 1978, 10.265 teenage mothers in Texas were receiving public

From Herizons, Greater Houston NOW Publication, ovember, 1979.

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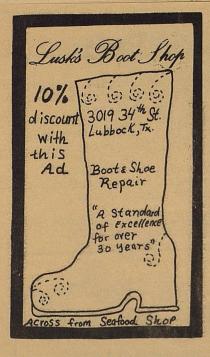
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