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Emergency Contraception: Sound Policy and Public Health Practice

BY DUCHY TRACHTENBERG

Emergency contraception (EC) is a safe and effective way to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex or contraceptive failure. It has been around for almost 30 years and has been approved for use in the United States for over five years. EC is available over-the-counter (OTC) in over 40 countries. Two FDA panels have recommended that EC be made available OTC. Despite the scientific evidence and the consensus within both the medical and public health communities that EC is a reliable and safe method to prevent pregnancies and abortions, our public health policy has been dictated by politics and not science.

Barriers to access. Because unprotected sex often occurs over the weekend or after clinic hours, women may miss EC's three-day effectiveness window if they have to wait for an appointment with someone who can prescribe EC. What's more, some pharmacies don't stock it and some pharmacists refuse to dispense it.

Important facts on EC. Making EC available OTC does not cause teens to engage in risky behavior. Adolescent and adult women who have access to EC continue to use regular birth control methods, do not have more unprotected sex, do not have more sex partners, and do not have an increased rate of sexually transmitted diseases.

EC will have no effect on an established pregnancy.

Imposing age restrictions or parental notification on EC would only result on more negatives outcomes for teens.

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EC Loses By One Vote

Despite our hard work, we've lost the legislative battle for EC in Maryland this year. Senate Bill 297, which makes EC available over-the-counter, failed *by one vote*. All MC senators, save one, voted for the bill. The one nay? Patrick Hogan of District 39! Women in Gaithersburg, Germantown, Montgomery Village and part of Laytonville, take note.

NOW Activists Fight to Save Women's Lives

FROM NATIONAL NOW (3-16-06)

Only six weeks after Sam Alito replaced Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court, legislatures in many states already are setting up for a showdown on abortion rights with the ultimate goal of reversing *Roe v. Wade*. South Dakota was simply the first in what anti-choice leaders hope is a long list of state legislators banning abortion.

Mississippi and Tennessee are poised to abolish a woman's right to choose an abortion along with AL, GA, KY, MO, OH, OK, and WV.

NOW leaders in states around the country are mobilizing activists

and leading the fight in front of statehouses and inside hearing rooms. Each day brings new developments in legislatures around the country.

In Mississippi, according to Jackson NOW President Michelle Colon, "The legislature declared war on *Roe v. Wade* last week" after language was added to a bill "that would effectively ban legal abortion in the state." Colon adds, "Many Mississippians will not speak up for choice because doing so requires defending their Christianity. The existing climate regards pro-choice as anti-religion and anti-life. The state legislature is against abortion, birth control, emergency contraception – all of which, in their view, constitutes abortion." Mississippi has only one abortion clinic and some of the most restrictive anti-abortion laws in the country.

Sheila Hailey, President of Mississippi NOW, notes that "Middle-class and upper-class women have always had access to abortion. Everybody knew doctors who would perform them if you had money to go to a family doctor. Lower-class women were left to their own devices, which were horrible, or to back-alley abortions." Activists are organizing visibility events, maintaining a presence in the committee hearings, and mobilizing phone calls to legislators hoping to keep the legislation from going to conference committee, leaving it to die this session.

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MC NOW President's Letter BY JEANNETTE FELDNER

Dear MC NOW Members:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Dr. Beverly Nuckols, M.D., writing for the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, reported in April of last year that "one-third to one-half of our patients have experienced domestic violence, and all forms of intimate partner violence are found in all social, economic, and education levels. One in six females – as high as one-quarter of women in college – and one in 33 males will be subjected to either a completed or attempted rape at some time in their lives, with the totals of sexual assault much higher. Half of sexual assaults happen before the age of 18. The prevalence of intimate partner violence during pregnancy is estimated to be nine percent."

Sexual assault and child abuse are a reality, not only in Texas, but here in Montgomery County, Maryland. When someone is sexually assaulted, they may call the police. They may go to the emergency room. They may call their doctor. They may call a friend. They need help.

In Montgomery County, if a victim of sexual violence reports the crime to the police and gets a police number, they are taken to the Shady Grove Hospital, which has a specialized emergency room with forensic nurses providing rape kits. The police then call the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP) of Montgomery County, which is a rape crisis center, and the volunteer on call will meet the victim at the hospital to help her through the ordeal.

Another important component is that victims of sexual violence should always have access to emergency contraception (EC – the morning after pill). MC NOW is currently investigating whether all the hospitals in our county have a policy of offering EC to sexual assault victims, and that the policy is carried out, no matter what. Legislation in Annapolis that would have allowed EC to be sold over the counter, so that victims of sexual assault who may not go to the police or hospital could have access to EC, was recently voted down.

You can help by calling your MC legislators to thank them for voting to pass the EC bill (all but Hodgan). You can also help by volunteering with VASAP to become a rape crisis volunteer (see below). Please do what you can to help victims of sexual violence in Montgomery County.

Stay active,

Jeannette Feldner
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Montgomery County's Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program

needs volunteers to help victims of sexual assault and their families. Volunteers provide 24-hour crisis counseling and companion services to hospitals and police stations for victims of rape and sexual assault. There is a special need for volunteers to cover early morning shifts. Bilingual volunteers are encouraged to apply.

Volunteers must attend a training program, which covers crisis intervention skills and specialized knowledge of the emotional, medical and legal issues that victims face. A commitment of one year, in an on-call capacity, for one 12-hour shift or two six-hour shifts per week, is required. A valid driver's license and immediate access to transportation is also required.

Call 240-777-1355.

Meet Kellie Clelland

Chapter Recording Secretary

Kellie is a small town girl, growing up in Grafton, West Virginia, “where Mother’s Day was founded.” A natural athlete, Kellie started playing basketball in grade school – playing on the boys’ team that her uncle coached. After graduating from Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Kellie moved to Wheaton, “with the intention of working in DC for one year before moving to a warmer climate. Fourteen years later, I am still here!” A good 10 of those years have been spent as the chapter’s treasurer before moving on to become its recording secretary.

Kellie is a strict vegetarian and enjoys cooking vegan foods, especially desserts, for her friends. Another favorite activity is traveling with her significant other. They have taken several road trips in the past few years, hiking in New England and local state parks. Her 12-year-old dog, Sadie the Sweet Lady, usually tags along.

Like most of us, Kellie is a reader and a movie fan. Her most recent favorite book is “All-Night Party” by Andrea Barnett, which describes the lives of several women in Bohemian Greenwich Village and Harlem from 1913 – 1930.

“Brokeback Mountain” is her most recent favorite movie.

In answer to a question about the future, Kellie said, “My hope is for equality for everyone, health care for everyone, the end of poverty, and a reversal of the damage that humans are doing to the Earth. I will continue to work toward these issues and many more.” You go, girl!



Dobson and Alito

A Winning Combination

James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family and host of a daily talk show, was elated. He had urged his radio listeners to support the nominations of Samuel Alito and John Roberts to the Supreme Court, and now they had won confirmation. You, he told his radio audience, have “changed history” by getting the two men on the high court in time for an abortion-ban case. He also read aloud the thank-you letter Alito wrote him:

“Dear Dr. Dobson,” Alito’s letter said. “This is just a short note to express my heartfelt thanks to you and the entire staff of Focus on the Family for your help and support during the past few challenging months. I would also greatly appreciate it if you would convey my appreciation to the good people who wrote to tell me that they were praying for me and for my family during this period. As I said when I spoke at my formal investiture at the White House last week, the prayers of so many people from around the country were a palpable and powerful force.

“As long as I serve on the Supreme Court I will keep in mind the trust that has been placed in me. I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet personally at some point in the future. In the meantime my entire family and I hope that you and the Focus on the Family staff know how much we appreciate all that you have done.

“Sincerely yours, Samuel Alito” (Wash Post 3-2-06. Italics added for emphasis.)

On Wednesday, March 1st, 2006, at a meeting in Annapolis on the proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit gay marriage, Jamie Raskin, professor of law at American University, was requested to testify.

At the end of his testimony, Republican Senator Nancy Jacobs said: “Mr. Raskin, my Bible says marriage is only between a man and a woman. What do you have to say about that?”

Raskin replied: “Senator, when you took your oath of office, you placed your hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. You did not place your hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible.”

The room erupted in applause.

(Thanks to Georgie Goldberg for bringing this to our attention.)

Roe v. Wade

Saving Private Rights

“Because the constitutional protections enumerated in *Roe v. Wade* underpin so many other fundamental rights that are critical to women’s health and well-being, *Roe*’s demise would open the door to future encroachments [on] these rights. For example, access to birth control also depends on the privacy right articulated in [Supreme Court case *Griswold v. Connecticut*] and echoed in *Roe*. The availability of contraception is critical to reducing unwanted pregnancies, reducing the number of abortions, and improving the health of women and their children. The ultimate safety of these rights depends in large measure on the security of *Roe*.”

— Karen O’Connor, professor of government at American University and director of the Women and Politics Institute, speaking before a House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on March 2, 2006.

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The American Academy for Family Physicians states that the treatment of sexual assault should include pregnancy prophylaxis. It is recommended that EC be used.

Less than half of sexual assault survivors at risk for pregnancy treated in emergency rooms receive EC.

Improving access to emergency contraceptives. Seven states have taken steps to reduce some barriers. In California, Washington, Alaska, New Mexico, Hawaii and Maine, EC is now available directly from trained pharmacists who offer it under protocols established with a doctor or medical authority. In North Carolina, the Dial EC project provides contraceptive counseling, screening and, for eligible callers, EC prescriptions by phone. The most dramatic opportunity to increase access to EC in Maryland would come from making it available directly from pharmacists.



**Washington
Area
Clinic Defense
Task Force**

**Get involved—escorts
needed in Rockville!**

For information and to
volunteer, contact
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or wacdtf@wacdtf.org

NOW Activists (cont form page 1)

Tennessee NOW members and leaders from Nashville NOW are packing the hearing room, hoping to stop legislation from making it out of the house subcommittee. TN NOW activists are mobilizing members to join in visibility events, attending hearings, and making calls to legislators asking them to stop the proposed amendment to Tennessee's constitution that would force women, including victims of rape and incest, to continue an unwanted pregnancy.

According to Cynthia Bennett, Nashville NOW, "Tennessee's Supreme Court has ruled that the people of this state have an explicit right to privacy. It is outrageous that Tennessee politicians now want the women of Tennessee to give up our constitutional right to make private decisions about our own bodies. They distrust women so much that they will not even include an exception in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. We will not let this happen!"

The News Isn't All Bad

This just in from Melissa Fadeley, Indiana NOW State President, who writes, "Great news, the Indiana legislative session just ended last night without a final vote on two terrible bills. The first would have required clinics offering abortion services, as well as other healthcare procedures, to meet unrealistic building codes, essentially closing all Indiana abortion clinics. The second was a fetal pain bill, with the additional wording of 'life begins at inception.' We are very proud of not following South Dakota's footsteps!"

These battles, led by NOW activists, are crucial to our collective fight for social justice and women's equality in the United States. The victories give us hope for a better future where women and girls are no longer under attack by the right wing, out to roll back our rights, liberties, and freedom. We applaud all of the efforts of our sisters and brothers on the front line.

Submissions to Newsletter Welcome.

Want to write for us? Send queries and pieces to Mary Bailey at bravenewworld@starpower.net

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE:
April 20, 2006

How it Was APRIL (1900 – 1949)

- 2 Taking her seat at the opening of the 65th Congress, Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes the first female U.S. Representative, 1917.
- 2 Seventeen-year-old Jackie Mitchell, the first woman to play baseball in the minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the NY Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. But the Baseball Commissioner voids her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women, 1931.
- 2 Members of the Women's Freedom League in England boycott the nation's census-takers, leaving their homes and, like one loyal woman, spending the night on roller skates at a rink, all to foul up the count as a tactic to dramatize the suffrage cause, 1911.
- 2 Jeannette Rankin, the first woman member of Congress and only congressperson to vote against U.S. entry into both world wars, tells her colleagues before her first such dissenting vote, "I want to stand behind my country, but I cannot vote for war," 1917.

Directory of Montgomery County Legislators in Annapolis

Addresses and Email

Senators Garagiola, Forehand, Grosfeld, Teitelbaum—James Senate Office Building (JSOB), 110 College Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401-1991.

Senators Kramer, Frosh, Ruben, Hogan—Miller Senate Office Building (MSOB), 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401-1991.

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All delegates—Lowe House Office Building (LHOB), 84 College Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401-1991.

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Toll-free calls—area codes 301 and 410, dial 1-800-492-7122 and ask for extension (last 4 digits of phone number listed). This number is not available nationally.

District 14: Brookeville, Olney, Burtonsville area, Damascus, and part of Latonsville

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Del. Jean B. Cryor (R)	LHOB Room 226	(410) 841-3090
Del. Kathleen M. Dumais (D)	LHOB Room 226	(410) 841-3052
Del. Brian J. Feldman (D)	LHOB Room 226	(410) 841-3052

District 16: Bethesda area

Sen. Brian E. Frosh (D)	MSOB, 2 East Wing	(410) 841-3124
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Del. Marilyn R. Goldwater (D)	LHOB Room 241	(410) 841-3019
Del. Susan C. Lee (D)	LHOB Room 221	(410) 841-3019

District 17: Rockville area

Sen. Jennie M. Forehand (D)	JSOB Room 223	(410) 841-3134
Del. Kumar P. Barve (D)	LHOB Room 313	(410) 841-3464
Del. Michael R. Gordon (D)	LHOB Room 403	(410) 841-3744
Del. Luiz R.S. Simmons (D)	LHOB Room 225	(410) 841-3037

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Del. John Adams Hurson	LHOB Room 223	(410) 841-3770
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Elsewhere in the World

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March 5, 2006

New Law Puts Brakes on International Bride Brokers

For decades, foreign mail-order brides have been marketed as quiet, submissive and easily controlled. Such women have frequently fallen prey to Internet-savvy serial abusers who relied on an unregulated industry to secure a continuous supply of women. Industry watchers estimate 4,000 to 6,000 American men meet their spouses each year through almost 600 brokers. But as of March 6, when the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act goes into effect, women who agree to such marriages gain new rights and protections. Now, men seeking visas for a prospective wife must disclose any convictions related to domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. They cannot sponsor a second fiancée within two years or petition for a third one. Brokers must search sexual predator databases and provide a man's prospective bride with any findings, along with his marriage history, information on children under 18, and criminal record. A broker must receive written consent from a woman before providing her contact information to a man. If a broker violates the law, penalties include a \$25,000 fine and a five-year maximum prison term per violation. The Act orders the Dept. of Homeland Security to print a pamphlet in Russian, Ukrainian and Filipino on the women's legal rights that the brokers must distribute to the women. Also, U.S. embassies are to ask visa applicants if their marriage was arranged by a broker and see that they get information on their rights.

March 10, 2006

Chile's Bachelet Promises Pension Payday for Women

Chile's president Michelle Bachelet, to take office March 11, has promised to overhaul the nation's private pension system. The predicament of the country's older women – many of whom spent their lives as housewives – became a major campaign issue in a country where 63 percent of women don't work for pay. La Concertación (The Compromise), the coalition of left-wing parties that Bachelet

represents, holds the majority in the upper and lower houses of Congress, giving her a strong mandate to pursue pension reform as one of her 36 top priorities during her first 100 days. Other priorities that affect women in particular include free child care for all working parents with children under 4 and for low-income working parents with older children. After the first 100 days, Bachelet also promises to move ahead on promises to provide shelters for abused women and support a law requiring that 40 percent of the political parties' candidates be women.

March 11, 2006

Mexico Denies Abortion Access

A new study by the Human Rights Watch reveals that Mexican authorities routinely deny rape victims access to safe, legal abortions. In all 31 states and the capital, Mexico City, women who have been raped or whose health is in danger because of their pregnancy are allowed by law to have an abortion. All other abortions are illegal. However, the report found that in 29 states, no clear guidelines exist to guarantee access to safe abortions. The report is based on interviews with more than 100 lawyers, doctors, officials and rape victims across Mexico.

March 18, 2006

U.K. Funds Caretaker Pensions

The British government plans to offer all caregivers, mostly women, weekly financial credits to equal the payments they would have made into the state pension fund had they been in the labor force. The proposal would recognize the contributions of female caregivers who leave or never enter the workforce and, as a result, are left with meager funds when they retire. Today, only 30 percent of women who reach official retirement age are eligible to receive full pension benefits. The average woman receives 70 percent of the pension, which the government says is not enough for the 10 million women that receive that amount. "As modern life becomes increasingly more diverse – men and women alike bring up children and care for the family – this could be a win for men as well," an official said.

How it Was

APRIL (1900 – 1949)

- 7 Suffrage pickets called the Silent Sentinel, who've stood outside the White House since Jan. 10, embarrass President Wilson by quoting on their banners his own words from his War Message to Congress five days ago: "We shall fight for the things which we have always held nearest our hearts.... For democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government," 1917.
- 8 Margaret Chase Smith (R-ME) is elected to the 76th Congress to fill the slot left open by her husband's death, 1940. She is the first woman to be elected to both houses of Congress.

- 8 British suffragists, protesting the repeated imprisonment of their leader, Emmaline Pankhurst, and her current three-year sentence, cut the words "Release Mrs. Pankhurst" (with "Release" twelve feet long) in the ground at Duthie Park, Aberdeen, 1913.
- 12 Ruth Bryan Owens is the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister. She is appointed by President Roosevelt as envoy to Denmark and Iceland, 1933.
- 17 Julia Lathrop is appointed by President Taft as chief of the new Children's Bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor, 1912.

The Watchful Eye

BY MARY BAILEY



Will they take no for an answer?

Spearheaded by Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-Conn.), 55 Catholic Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives issued a public statement to the church leadership requesting space to disagree on abortion. No way, responded the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict and bring an end to the destruction of unborn life," it replied. [And that

means *you*, lawmakers.] Signing the response were two local prelates – Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore, head of the bishops' Pro-Life Activities Committee, and Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington, D.C., who heads a task force on Catholic politicians. The third signer was Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, who chairs the bishops' Domestic Policy Committee (Wash Post, 3-11-06). Legislators, be reminded of Huck Finn's remark upon deciding to help Jim flee slavery: "All right, then, I'll go to hell."

The above local cardinals – Baltimore's Keeler and DC's McCarrick – have been doing their best to kill certain child abuse bills in Annapolis. At issue were measures introduced by Del. Pauline Menes (D-Prince George's). Since victims of sexual abuse usually don't report it until they are in their 30s or 40s, one bill would extend the age to file lawsuits from 25 to 42 years. A second would open a period of two years when victims of any age can sue. Not only were the cardinals relying on the efforts of the Maryland Catholic Conference to fight the bills, they hired the lobbying firm Schwartz and Metz as well. In addition, the Post wrote, "some lawmakers, [including Del. Luiz Simmons, D-Montgomery] reported that Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan has conveyed to them the Church's concern." Duncan, a Catholic, is running for governor of Maryland. (Wash Post 3-24-06) See update below.

Defining violence. Luring a 12-year-old girl into prostitution is a violent crime, U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler has ruled. Calling his crimes "degrading beyond words," Kessler gave Carlos Curtis a life sentence for a history of trafficking in juveniles and drug convictions. Young victims

of pimping "suffer psychologically and emotionally, and they suffer physically," Kessler said. "And they often suffer for a lifetime – as Mr. Curtis is going to suffer for a lifetime." Curtis is the first person in D.C. to be prosecuted for pimping juveniles under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (Wash Post 3-6-06).

This must be said as well. "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" just won the Oscar for Original Song. Noting that "the audience gets tricked – or pimped, if you will – into feeling his pain," black columnist Courtland Milloy writes that "never before has the degradation of black women at the hands of stereotypically thuggish black men been so deeply engrained in popular culture.... Celebrating that pathology – even when it's 'only a movie' or 'just a song' – is cultural suicide" (Wash Post 3-8-06). Almost simultaneously, the press reported the death of black photographer Gordon Parks. Although he is rightfully honored for his portrayal of poor African Americans, Parks also directed the 1971 movie "Shaft" that inspired a wave of blaxploitation films. Black feminist Luisah Teish noted that "a Black woman is always caught in a web of violence" in films such as "Shaft" and "Superfly." Furthermore, she reported, such films "ran rapid" throughout the black community in the 1970s and "preceded a rise in black-on-black crime and undermined activism in the Black community" ("A Quiet Subversion," *Take Back the Night*, L. Lederer, ed., 1980).

Last minute news. After intense lobbying by the Catholic Church, the Maryland House of Delegates voted to amend the two child abuse cases described above. Now, "anybody who is under the age of 25 when this bill goes into effect will [still] have the right to go to court extended to the age of 42," said Del. Luiz Simmons (D-Montgomery). "But if you're over the age of 25, that's the key, you're gone." Reason the church opposed the original bill: Extending the time "discourages early reporting" of abuse by children. "We need to encourage that, not extend statutes of limitations that actually are counter to a culture of early reporting," said Washington Archdiocese spokesperson Susan Gibbs. (Wash Post 3-27-06) Wait a minute. Don't most of the lawsuits against the church come from those victimized years before the scandal broke? Don't they show that the hierarchy was aware of the situation all along and ignored it?

How it Was APRIL (1900 – 1949)

19 Edith Summerskill, British feminist who insisted that anesthesia be available to all women at childbirth in Britain, born, 1901.

20 Several hundred sympathizers applaud when Emma Goldman takes a 15-day prison sentence over a \$100 fine for lecturing on birth control, 1916.

25 Keir Hardie, leader of England's Independent Labour Party, introduces a woman's suffrage resolution in Parliament, 1906. When suffragists confined behind a grill in the

Ladies Gallery protest the ridicule of some M.P.'s, many are routed out by police.

28 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is founded at The Hague with Jane Addams named president, 1915.

30 When police raid the offices of Britain's Women's Social and Political Union, confiscating copy for a new issue of "The Suffragette," feminist Grace Roe slips away with some material and organizes the printing of a contraband edition which appears the next morning, 1913.

MC NOW Calendar of Events

Board Meetings generally take place on the first or second Monday of each month. All members welcome.
Chapter meetings and action activities are held regularly.

APRIL

Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness Month

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| <p>1 (Sat) Montgomery County Women's Fair, MC Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, N. Bethesda. Mcwomensfair.org.</p> <p>6 (Thu) Brown bag lunch meeting on "Public Transportation." National Capital Chapter of OWL, The Voice of Midlife and Older Women. 202-408-1777 or mccowl@aol.com.</p> <p>11 (Tue) 7 pm. MC NOW BOARD MEETING. Hollywood East restaurant, University Blvd between Georgia Ave. and Viers Mill Road, Wheaton. E-mail lj.feldner@verizon.net to confirm time and date.</p> <p>13 (Thu) 6 pm. "Take Back the Night" Rally & Clothespin Project Display. Mt. Vernon Monument (N. Charles & Monument St) Baltimore City, info@baltimorenow.org or 410-668-4399.</p> <p>19 (Wed) "Preventing Sexual Assault in Communities of Color: Men and Women United," Rennie Forum, Prince George's Community Center. MCASA Women of Color Network, Kathy at 410-974-4507 or Kathy@mcasa.org.</p> | <p>20 (Thu) 6-9 pm. MCASA Second Annual Spring Gala, The Great Room at Historic Savage Mill. \$40. Jennifer at 410-4507 or jphill@mcasa.org.</p> <p>23 (Sun) 9 am. National Walk for Women's Lives, 3.2 miles. Women's Memorial (Ceremonial entrance to Arlington Cemetery). Arlington Cemetery Metro stop. Sponsored by the Feminist Majority Foundation.</p> <p>26 (Wed) 6:30 pm networking, 7 pm program. 7th Annual Health Empowerment Forum for Women, JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Sponsored by Suburban Maryland Business & Professional Women. Aileen at 301-367-8826 or aeworrell@verizon.net.</p> |
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- 3 (Wed) 9:30 -11:30 am. "You're Wearing That? Conversations Between Mothers and Daughters" by Deborah Tannen. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonton Dr, Rockville. MC Commission for Women et al. 240-777-8300 or montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw.



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