

The 2005 Back Up Your Birth Control campaign is about to get underway!

The fourth annual "Back Up Your Birth Control" campaign—coordinated by the Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP) and NARAL Pro-Choice New York—seeks to raise awareness and encourage advance prescription of emergency contraception (EC) through grassroots organizing, provider and public education, and policy debates.

With the strength of over 150 national and local organizations, the Back Up Your Birth Control coalition will mobilize on the **EC Day of Activism on March 22nd**. The 2005 campaign will feature tools and materials to help activists educate and reach out to local pharmacists—who play a critical role in helping women access EC.

RHTP has campaign tools available on the The Back Up Your Birth Control website www.backupyourbirthcontrol.org, which is being updated to provide advocates and other site visitors with new information and messages about EC as well as ways to get involved.

Reproductive Choice – The Mother of All Battles Here in Maryland!

BY DUCHY TRACHTENBERG, *PRESIDENT OF MARYLAND NOW*

January 22nd marked the 32nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's historical decision in *Roe v. Wade* which recognized a woman's right to privacy in deciding whether to have an abortion. NOW and our many allies have traversed a long and dangerous path over these past three decades and our work to protect this fundamental human right continues.

The re-election of George W. Bush and larger republican majorities in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives guarantee an intensified effort to prohibit abortion and further reduce women's access to comprehensive reproductive health services. In this political climate, and with Governor Bob Ehrlich minding the Annapolis state house, extremist opponents of women's reproductive rights are moving their own regressive measures forward this legislative session, right here in Maryland.

There is one such fetal rights bill, HB 398—(sponsored by Maryland Delegate James Boutin) that is being considered in the

Maryland Assembly. Quite simply, HB 398 is one of those ugly bills that could undermine the privacy rights of women. South Carolina's experience with similar legislation proves this to be true. In 1984 South Carolina, by judicial decision, essentially adopted such a law, holding that a man who caused the death of a fetus by assaulting a pregnant woman could be prosecuted for murder. That recognition of fetal rights was then used in 1997 as the basis for finding that viable fetuses are full legal "persons," and as a result, that South Carolina's criminal child endangerment statute could be used to punish a pregnant woman who engages in any behavior that might endanger her fetus. The state attorney general's office has now interpreted this recognition of fetal rights as providing the legal basis for charging women who have post-viability abortions—of any kind and for any reason—with murder and subjecting them and anyone who assists them to the death penalty.

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The Bush Budget: Deceptive and Dangerous

BY JAN ERICKSON, *DIRECTOR, NOW NATIONAL RELATIONS*

George W. Bush proposed a \$2.57 trillion budget on February 6th that deceives and endangers women and families. Bush employs "smoke and mirrors" to deceive taxpayers by exaggerating expected revenues while minimizing the actual costs and long-term financial burdens. His administration's procedures and projections are nothing more than a fiscal sleight of hand.

In order to sell his budget to critics and the public, Bush claims his plan will advance his goal of cutting the soaring federal deficit by 2009. In fact, as the Center for Budget and Tax Policy Priorities notes, the '06 budget increases the deficit over the next five years—from \$1.364 trillion currently to \$1.393 trillion. And, extending the tax cuts

adopted during his first term (costing \$1 trillion) for ten more years would cost another \$2.1 trillion!

The budget resolution withholds vital information about the funding impact on specific discretionary programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, beyond 2006. If followed, the budget plan would take the country much closer to the administration's long-range objective of slashing social spending to the bare bones, while escalating defense and security spending, and enshrining costly tax breaks for large corporations and wealthy individuals. Republicans want to adopt a new rule that would require Congress to offset and increases in special

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President's Message BY GENEVIEVE CARMINATI

Dear Members of the Montgomery County Chapter of NOW,

March brings with it Women's History Month, and though many of us might complain that women's history is largely ignored the rest of the year and mostly paid lip-service for one month, it can be a good time to reflect and find hope for the future. When we consider what women and supportive men have accomplished in the short history of the United States, warts and all, it can even be inspiring. The Women's Movement has achieved better lives for us all.

Still, it would be a mistake not to recognize the struggle that went into those advances – and not to realize that we must keep up our guard to protect the continuance of our rights. Also, as in the case of the Equal Rights Amendment, our defeats should be re-examined for answers about what we can do to assure future success. How will we one day be able to say that the American Constitution affords women equality, spells out that equality plainly and directly? The past provides the path if we read it closely.

So, this month and all months, let's toast our mothers — and cooperative fathers – for their trailblazing sacrifices that brought us our rights, however tenuous, however limited we find them to be. And determine that in our own community and our own time, we will continue on in the same hopeful, bold, lively spirit.

We invite you to participate in the chapter planning meeting for Montgomery County NOW's annual Susan B. Anthony Awards Dinner, which honors those in our community who are doing the hard work of making lives better for women. Please see the calendar in this newsletter for details.

In Sisterhood,

Genevieve



National Museum of Women in the Arts Berte Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle

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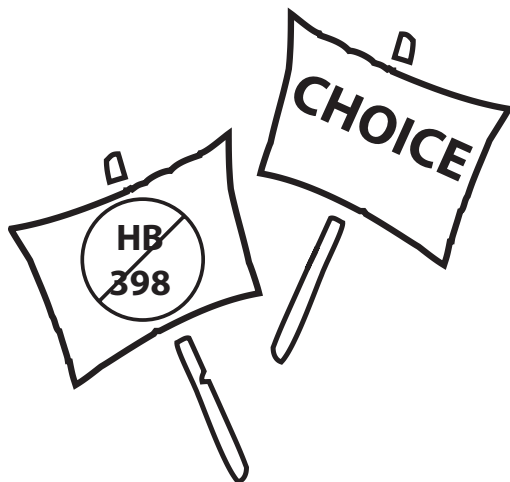
Reproductive Choice

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As of this writing, Maryland NOW is the only Maryland state women's organization poised to oppose this legislation during the current legislative session. We have our work cut out for us and we need your help. Please write, call, e-mail or visit your state legislators and ask them to oppose this bill in the state House so it never reaches the state Senate. E-mail Maryland NOW directly at duchy@comcast.net or demdiane@yahoo.com if you'd like to lobby legislators with our help or even want to publicly testify in opposition of this insidious legislation.

Remember our opponents have a long-term plan by advancing legislation and litigation to eventually draw the Supreme Court into a re-examination of Roe. Advocates for women's abortion rights and contraception access must also develop and implement a long-term plan, combined with adequate funding. Mass marches, like the record-breaking March for Women's Lives, in April 2004 in Washington, are wonderful for demonstrating huge support and recruiting new activists. But there is no substitute for carefully monitoring both Congress and your state government on abortion legislation and policy, for alerting your networks (here in Montgomery County) on pending measures, for communicating frequently with elected officials (including state legislators) about restrictive and harmful legislation and for working in campaigns to elect (NOW-endorsed) feminist legislators.

As advocates for women's reproductive freedom and health, we must re-dedicate our time, energy and financial resources to our on-going campaign to safeguard a fundamental human right to control our own reproductive life, here in Maryland.



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Del. Nancy J. King (D)	LHOB Room 225	(410) 841-3037
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How it Was MARCH (1850 – 1899)

- 3 After three years of tireless effort, Belva Lockwood becomes the first woman admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court, 1879.
- 4 Mary Clemmer begins her *Women's Letter* from Washington for the *New York Independent*—a widely read column with insights into politics, much of it gleaned from hours spent in the ladies' gallery of the Senate, 1866.
- 5 Rosa Luxemburg, anarchist, born 1871.
- 6 John Stuart Mill signs a "formal protest against the existing laws of marriage," and assures his wife-to-be Harriet Taylor that she will retain all freedom of action "as if no such marriage had taken place," 1851.
- 7 Led through a snowstorm by the noted Grimke sisters and Theodore Weld, 42 women place ballots in a special box at the first suffrage demonstration ever held in Mass., 1870.
- 13 Isabel Worrell Ball, who could handle a gun better than a broom and who wrote for newspapers about Indians and the West, born in a log cabin, 1855.
- 20 Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, is published and becomes the first book in America to sell over a million copies, 1852.
- 23 Fannie Farmer, author of *The Boston Cooking-School Cookbook*, which included specific measurements that would become the standard, born, 1857.
- 24 Matilda Joselyn Gage, suffragist, theorist, and historian, born 1898.

Bush Budget *(continued from page 1)*

spending with cuts in other domestic programs—tax cut initiatives, however, would not have to face the same constraints.

In short, the nation's lower-income and middle-class taxpayers are receiving less and less from the government programs, while revenues to the federal government have received a lower share of the economy. Many of the programs seriously affect women and families, including:

- **Health Care:** Women make up over 70 percent of all adult Medicaid recipients, relying on the program for their basic health care coverage, including reproductive health care services and nursing home care. The Bush Administration proposes to reduce Medicaid by \$45 billion over 10 years and put the funding burden on the states, even though states are currently struggling to meet the federal matching requirement. At least 24 states face 2006 budget deficits already. Even worse are threats by the Senate Republican leadership to "overhaul" Medicaid, suggesting that the program may be block-granted to the states and the amounts capped.
- **Children:** Under the proposed budget, 25,000 fewer children would be able to participate in the Head Start program, 300,000 working-poor parents will lose child care for their children, and a guaranteed protection for children who are abused and neglected would end—just to name a few consequences.
- **Food and Housing:** Food stamp benefits would be cut by \$1.1 billion over 10 years, thus eliminating 200,000 to 300,000 people, including children, from the program. Housing for the disabled would be cut nearly in half and housing for Native Americans and people with AIDS would also be cut. The acclaimed HOPE VI program, which helps revitalize decrepit public housing, would be eliminated as well.
- **Education:** Many education and training programs would be cut, including \$300 million from worker training programs, elimination of the Even Start literacy

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program and Early Learning Opportunities program, and \$2.2 billion in cuts to vocational and technical education. The Republican-backed No Child Left Behind education "reform" continues to be

seriously underfunded, placing even more burden on states and local school districts. For at least the fourth year in a row, the administration's budget would completely eliminate the modest

funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act, first enacted in 1974.

- **FDA and Abstinence:** A \$50 million increase is proposed for the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA also estimates that it will collect \$305 million under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act from pharmaceutical companies. While the FDA drags its feet for months on approving emergency contraception for over-the-counter sales, they accept millions from companies that want to expedite testing and hasty approval of drugs—some of which are later found to be deadly. The administration would also increase funding for abstinence-only education programs by \$39 million, for a total of \$193 million in FY2006. This, although abstinence education has been shown to have few effects in reducing unwanted pregnancy. To make up for their failed pregnancy prevention programs, the administration has proposed \$10 million for homes for unwed mothers.

We cannot pull the rug out from under millions of women and families who rely on these supportive programs to help them thrive and survive. For struggling low-income women and their families, the Bush budget is another sad reminder that when it comes to numbers, they simply don't count. The president is determined to cut and freeze, constrict and consolidate, slash and burn many of the important public services and programs that are vital to their economic survival.

(For the complete essay, visit www.now.org)

New Study on Emergency Contraception Addresses Concerns about Teens' Sexual Behavior

A new study from researchers in San Francisco shows that the availability of emergency contraception (EC) does not alter women's sexual behavior and does not lead to an increase in sexually transmitted diseases. The study, published in the January 5th issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, indicates that "among young sexually active women, unprotected

intercourse leads to EC use, not the converse." More than 2,000 California women ages 15 to 24 were included in the study.

This research contradicts a claim made by opponents of easier access to the emergency contraceptive, Plan B, when the drug was denied over the counter status last May. The data suggests that the drug could be taken safely and properly without a prescription.

How it Was MARCH (1850 – 1899)

- 24 Olive Schreiner, whose novel "The Story of an African Farm" contained male-female situations so "risqué" that one woman "took the book in the tongs and put it in the fire," born in Basutoland, 1855.
- 30 The National Council of Women of the US is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Clara Barton, Lucy Stone, and Julia Ward Howe, 1888.

(Selections from the Liberated Woman's Appointment Calendar, 1972-74, and the National Women's History Project newsletter)



Lifetime Television Reception

Lifetime Television will honor the National Women's History Project and their 25th Anniversary of "Writing Women Back into History."

- Reception at the Hay Adams Hotel, Washington, DC on Wednesday, March 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- A'Lelia Bundles, author of *On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madame C.J. Walker*, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this celebratory event.

This celebration is open to the public free of charge, but tickets are limited.

If you are interested in attending, please call the National Women's History Project at 707-636-288 to order your tickets and make your reservation today.

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The Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force (WACDTF) is an all-volunteer, anti-violence group active since the 1980s to promote peaceful and safe access to women's health clinics in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. WACDTF provides escorts to local clinics that request our help to ensure a peaceful and reassuring presence for patients, their companions, and staff.

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**Experts Make
Treatment of Wartime
Rape a Priority**

“When I first started working with victims of sexual violence, I thought sexual violence was limited to rape,” said psychologist Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith of the Bellvue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture. “But there are so many aspects from forced penetration to being forced to watch things happen to other people to being forced to do things to other people.” Many aid workers say they have become increasingly attuned to the nuances and extent of the crime. Human rights groups and other non-governmental organizations that once considered rape a peripheral issue are now making it a priority. Sexual violence as a tool of war is not a new phenomenon, of course. But it was the use of rape as a weapon in the high-profile conflicts of Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina a decade ago that became the wake-up call. Rape now is being seen not only as a human rights issue, but a medical issue as well. Aid workers have grown increasingly aware of the many different consequences of sexual violence in war zones, such as the spread of AIDS by soldier-rapists. Some soldiers have used rape as a tool of “ethnic cleansing,” or use it to terrorize people and force them to flee. Others view women as “war booty.” In some places, said Reed-Hamilton of the International Rescue Committee, the psychological effects of such brutality can bring “the level of stigma and shame so high that people can’t even talk about rape.”

January 28, 2005

**Women's Rights: Ready to
Swim in Mainstream?**

A fierce battle is taking place in the UN over whether women need special champions or if they are better served when general humanitarian groups commit to their interests. The topic takes on urgency after the UN’s leading women’s rights group lost a key donor to so-called gender mainstreaming. The UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has been at the forefront of women’s activism in the international development community since it was founded in 1976. But this year, the Netherlands, UNIFEM’s second-largest donor, will shift its funding to the overall UN

organization. The Dutch decided that women in developing countries would be better served if large development organizations such as the UN and World Bank would take full responsibility for defending and promoting women’s rights. Called “gender mainstreaming,” the approach shifts responsibility for women’s issues from gender specialists to all personnel in an organization.

February 5, 2005

**Church OKs Condoms in
AIDS Fight**

A senior Vatican official from Switzerland said that condoms could be used to fight AIDS in the poorest parts of Africa and Asia. Cardinal Georges Cottier told an Italian news agency that the use of condoms was “legitimate” to save lives when there was no time to teach abstinence or faithful conjugal love. He is the most senior figure so far to argue that condoms should be admissible in exceptional circumstances. Cottier reiterated, however, the church’s official line that condoms should not be used as contraceptives. But he emphasized that the threat of AIDS was so immediate that “the use of condoms in some situations can be considered morally legitimate.”

February 12, 2005

**Women Barred from First
Saudi Election**

Saudi women were shut out of the kingdom’s first experiment in democratic voting. Officials initially told women activists they had the right to vote and run for office, but that there were logistical difficulties, including the idea of women and men mingling at polling centers. Another obstacle raised was that the majority of women did not have identity cards. Activists told the press that it is impossible to imagine how women could campaign for election when they were not allowed to have their photos in newspapers or hold public debates or appear on TV. The landmark vote has sparked unprecedented debate on the role of women in Saudi Arabia. “When you exclude 50 percent of the society and allow criminal prisoners to vote, this is an insult to nine million women,” a female campaigner said. “Their message to us is that we’re not citizens; we’re not worthy; that we don’t exist.”

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Framing the issue is all the talk in liberal circles since publication of George Lakoff's "Don't Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate." Lakoff said that when naming an issue or group of issues, use words that people have always liked, such as liberty or freedom. Well, I

once had my own little experience along these lines. I conducted an informal survey of people, mostly women, I came across in my daily life. I asked them two questions: Are you liberal? And if so, in one or two words, tell me why. All but one of those I queried replied with the same constellation of answers. They were liberal, they said, because liberalism is "kind," "humane," "altruistic," "helpful." Personally, I like any of these words better than "nurturant," Lakoff's key word to describe the liberal approach to issues. To me, nurturant is a much-too-fancy term. People really understand what being kind means. And kindness can explain many liberal policies—from choice to taxes to clean air to war.

The Younger Women's Task Force convened its first national summit in DC last month under the sponsorship of the National Council of Women's Organizations. The attendees were asked to develop issue statements on topics of concern to women ages 19 to 39. Subjects included media representations of women and women's body image, sexual and reproductive freedom, violence against women, and access to education and career opportunities. The issues differed somewhat from those of feminists in the 1970s, who were concerned about workplace discrimination and

abortion rights. For instance, while reproductive rights meant abortion rights in the 1970s, today it means birth control covered by insurance. "For them [the older generation] it was laws and bills," said organizer Alison Stein, 24. "For us, it's implementation and everyday life." (Women's Enews 2-3-05)

Casa de Maryland is asking the County Council to pass protective legislation for domestic workers. Its proposal would mandate a living wage of \$10.50 an hour (unless the employer also provides health care), sick and family medical leave, and paid holidays and vacation. Of the 31 domestic workers Casa surveyed in 2001, 27 had no personal days, 23 no health insurance, and 18 no overtime. Those surveyed received an average of \$5.79/hour, and nearly one quarter of them was not allowed to leave the house. In New York, a survey of 600 domestic workers had similar results. No council member has introduced legislation as yet. Council members are trying to determine whether a local government can legislate such extensive labor laws when many federal labor laws (Occupational Safety and Health Act, National Labor Relations Act, Fair Labor Standards Act) exclude domestic workers from protection. (Wash Post 2-8-05)

Stop selling violent games to minors, say a growing number of jurisdictions nationwide. In Maryland, a bill by Del. Justin Ross (D-Prince George's) would slap vendors who rent or sell violent video games to minors with a fine of up to \$1,000 or six months in jail per offense. In DC, Council member Adrian Fenty (D) introduced a bill banning the sale of sexually explicit and violent video games to minors. Similar legislation is also pending in Georgia

and Illinois. In Tennessee, a lawsuit blames Grand Auto Theft for the murder of a man killed by teenagers. In the past, courts have struck down such legislation and lawsuits on free speech grounds. But, said Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (D), "This is all about protecting our children until they are old enough to protect themselves. There's a reason why we don't let kids smoke or drink alcohol or drive a car until they reach a certain age and level of maturity." (Wash Post 12-16-04, 2-3-05, 2-4-05)

Culture watch. The Super Bowl lost child and teen fans after cleaning up its sex-and-violence halftime show, and clocked the lowest attendance ever among viewers 18-49. (Wash Post 2-9-05)... At a Manhattan screening of the documentary "Inside Deep Throat," Erica Jong, novelist of "Fear of Flying," told columnist Tina Brown, "What I remember from those times [the 1970s, when film and book were made] is a sense of exuberance and hope. We thought sexual freedom would bring world peace. We really thought that if people gave up their inhibitions, the world would change. We were wrong." (Wash Post 2-10-05)



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MC NOW Calendar of Events

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

March 2005

- 1 Women's History Month
- 8 International Women's Day
- 14 7 pm. MC NOW Board Meeting at The Vegetable Garden, 11618 Rockville Pike, Rockville.
- 16 5:30-8pm. Lifetime Television to honor the National Women's History Project. Hay Adams Hotel, Washington. Free. Seats limited. Reservations at 707-636-2888.
- 22 7 pm. MC NOW Planning Meeting for the Annual Susan B. Anthony Dinner in May. Montgomery College, Macklin Towers, Women's Studies Commons, #212.
Helpful members urged to attend. (See box below for details)

April 2005

- 3-5 NOW Foundation's Women of Color & Allies Summit. Doubletree Hotel Crystal City, Arlington. Zenaida Mendez, 202-628-8669, ext. 143.
- 7 7 pm. MC NOW Board Meeting.
- 13 3pm to 5pm. "Lou Henry Hoover: Activist First Lady," followed by reception. Woodrow Wilson Center, 5th floor conference room, 1300 Pa. Ave. NW. Free. Info at www.wilsoncenter.org. RSVP to usstudies@si.edu.
- 20 7 pm. Suburban Md. Business and Professional Women's Health Empowerment Forum. Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Rd, Rockville. 301-367-8826 or aeworrell@verizon.net.

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Opportunity for Member Involvement

Planning the Annual MC NOW *Susan B. Anthony Dinner*

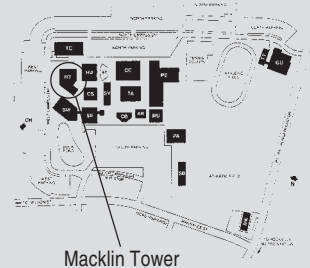
All Members Are Encouraged to get involved

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd AT 7:00 P.M.
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ROCKVILLE CAMPUS
MACKLIN TOWER ROOM 212

1. Discuss event planning timeline, budget, venue, structure, and agenda
2. Discuss potential award recipients/speakers
3. Determine committee/volunteer assignments

All are invited to attend this session and/or volunteer for the event.
If you are interested in being involved, please send a note to Amy at aswann@arhp.org.

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