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Endangering Women's Rights

After reading the April 12 front-page summary of legislative action in Annapolis, I feel obligated to report on one additional piece of legislation, "Murder and Manslaughter-Viable Fetus," which passed the House and Senate.

The passage of this bill was a blow to the reproductive rights of women in Maryland. While it is intended to invoke sympathy for pregnant women who have suffered violent injury, it is a smokescreen for the advance of an anti-reproductive-rights agenda.

The bill's supporters are determined to have a fetus recognized in law as an autonomous person. That legal definition ultimately could enable the government to prosecute women who choose to have an abortion, even to save their own lives.

In 30 states in which similar legislation has passed, the incidence of violence against pregnant women has not decreased, but the successful prosecution of vulnerable women has.

The passage of this legislation underscores why a strong and unwavering reproductive-rights coalition is needed to preserve women's most fundamental right.

-Duchy Trachtenberg

House Bill 398 Homicide-Victim-Viable Fetus

BY DUCHY TRACHTENBERG, PRESIDENT, MARYLAND CHAPTER OF NOW

House Bill 398, Homicide and Manslaughter – Viable Fetus, passed the Maryland Senate with a final 36-10 vote. It is expected that by the time you are reading this newsletter, Governor Bob Ehrlich will have signed the legislation into Maryland law.

Maryland NOW strongly opposed this measure and we are grateful to our membership for your activist support on this matter. We are also thankful to our sisters from the Montgomery County Women's Commission, the Jewish Women's Council, the Women's Law Center of Maryland, and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence for their support as well. And we must acknowledge those three Montgomery County Senators – Sharon Grosfeld, Jennie Forehand, and Rona Kramer for their courageous action and unwavering support for Choice on the Maryland Senate floor!

While we are disappointed in the outcome and know this legislation will fuel

more anti-choice legislation next session, we must stay the course and defend reproductive freedom for all Maryland women. We have our work cut out for us next year...so remain engaged and join us during next year's session, as we fight the good fight to ensure the most basic right of any Maryland woman!

Voting FOR HB 398

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Voting AGAINST HB 398

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International Trafficking of Women and Children

An Issue of Human and Civil Rights BY MARY BAILEY

"Trafficking in people is a euphemism," Ambassador John Miller, director of the Trafficking in Persons office of the State Department, told an audience last April in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building. "It is slavery, that's what we're talking about."

With the theme thus established, the briefing sponsored by nonprofit, non-partisan Women's Policy Inc., gave the gathering of Congressional staffers, non-governmental organization (NGO) representatives, and concerned individuals a rundown of trafficking today and how it needs to be combated.

Awareness of international trafficking remains low, especially in law enforcement circles that still treat enslaved prostitutes as criminals, both here and abroad, noted Wenchu Yu Perkins director of Vital Voices' anti-trafficking and human rights program.¹

In Source countries, where women are kidnapped or tricked into prostitution, people, especially girls, need to be educated as to

what's happening as early as the fourth grade, telling them what to watch for, said Rep. Kay Granger (R-Texas). In Destination countries, whenever law enforcers pick up for prostitution a 12-year-old, say, or one who doesn't know the language, instead of imprisoning them they should automatically check for trafficking. Give these victims back to their countries, she said, and help them.

Although education in the Source countries is the primary need, we also must educate male society here as well as abroad, Miller noted. Men have to understand that when they purchase sex, it not only demeans women, but also contributes to slavery. Many so-called prostitutes are there against their will, and they cannot be considered labor. If they are there against their will, they are not sex workers.

Every day, said Norma Hotaling executive director of the SAGE Project², "vulnerable and naive girls ages 12-17 are brutally and cunningly recruited by violent or smooth-

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Andrea Dworkin: The Feminist Who Roared

BY MARY BAILEY

The death of writer Andrea Dworkin in Washington, DC last month makes us pause in respect for an admirable feminist. Although she was often ridiculed and reviled during her lifetime for her view that male sexual attitudes are at the core of sexism, women owe her a great debt of gratitude. If ever a woman had a right to talk about sex in sexism, it was Andrea Dworkin. Writing in the *New Republic* some years ago, University of Chicago law and ethics professor Martha Nussbaum said it best. She noted that Dworkin's personal history included child molestation, prostitution, sexual abuse in prison, and domestic violence.

Dworkin's central thesis, developed in collaboration with Harvard law professor Catherine MacKinnon, asserts that women deserve to be treated with the same sexual equality and dignity that men receive. In her view, society socializes men to treat women as objects and then excuses their behavior under the old canard, "boys will be boys." But, says Nussbaum, "It is a curious feature of contemporary feminism that one repeat-

edly encounters women who denounce MacKinnon and Dworkin as man-haters, but who gladly enjoy, and even take credit for, the legal reforms that were made possible only through concepts they introduced."

Because of Dworkin and MacKinnon's work, prominent jurists including Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Judge Richard Posner, have declared sexual harassment in the workplace illegal, Nussbaum reports. Because of them, legal norms declaring that a raped woman must resist "to the limit," prove physical harm, and have her prior history used against her, have been struck down. Also thanks to them, women who retaliate against their batterers can now plead self-defense under the law.

In my estimation, at least two of Dworkin's causes were still unresolved at the time of her death: pornography, her signature cause, and domestic violence. In both, she called for

legal and societal interventions; but these issues have become entangled in privacy considerations, and the strands of the competing goods of equality and privacy have yet to be separated and differentiated.

Men who want to support women... should understand that it is not terrifically important to us that they learn to cry; it is important to us that they stop the crimes of violence against us.

— Andrea Dworkin

Annapolis Notebook

BY DUCHY TRACHTENBERG, PRESIDENT, MARYLAND CHAPTER OF NOW

This year in Annapolis was a mixed bag in terms of legislation success and failure. We secured some major victories in the area of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transsexual rights but we lost significant ground in the area of reproductive freedom. A critical hate-crimes bill, as well as a medical decision-making bill, was passed by the Maryland House and Senate. But we're not out of the woods yet because anti-gay forces are attempting to put together a ballot initiative that would block these advances.

House Bill 398, Homicide and Manslaughter – Viable Fetus, passed the Maryland Senate with a final 36-10 vote.

A number of domestic violence bills (sponsored by both Senator Sharon Grosfeld and Delegate Kathleen Dumais) never made it out of the judiciary committees and one of

Maryland NOW's top legislative priorities - No Physical Resistance Required, which would have altered the physical standard



required in sexual assault cases, never even got voted on in either the House or Senate committees.

One important bill, Maryland Women's Commission (sponsored by Senator Grosfeld), did pass both houses, although we are concerned that Governor Ehrlich will veto it as his record of support on women's issues continues to dissipate. He vetoed the living wage legislation last year and is now threatening a veto of a bill mandating a minimum wage increase to a little over \$6/hour. Women would be the greatest beneficiaries of such an increase and it seems outrageous that the business community is a more important constituency to Governor Ehrlich than the thousands of Maryland women who struggle each day to provide for themselves and their children.

The bottom line is that the unprecedented assault against women's lives that has taken hold in our nation's capitol has reached the Maryland state house. We must roll up our sleeves during next year's session and return Maryland to its women and people.

The Feminist Skill Exchange Meet & Greet

Ever needed to know something but felt you were too busy or too broke to take a class? Ever wondered where the other feminists are, especially the ones under 30?

If you answered yes to these questions, you need the Feminist Skill Exchange. And you're in luck: the first ever Meet & Greet for the Feminist Skill Exchange is May 14.

Imagine learning a new skill or getting the experience you need without spending a dime, and within your schedule.

We can make this happen. All we need for you to do is show up.

A part of the MDNOW Conference
Saturday, May 14, 2005

A project of MDNOW's MD Young Feminist Task Force

How it Was MAY (1850 – 1899)

- 1 Jointly signing a document to protest sexist marriage laws which “refuse to recognize the wife as an independent rational being,” feminists Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell acknowledge their “mutual affection” and marry, 1855.
- 5 The first edition of *The New Northwest*, a paper published by Abigail Scott Duniway to get voting rights for women, is grabbed up by the reading public in Oregon, 1871.
- 5 Dr. Mary Huntley graduates from the University of Buffalo’s Department of Medicine at the top of the honor role, but can’t get a hospital appointment because of her sex, 1896.
- 10 Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president, 1872.
- 14 Victoria Woodhull and her sister Tennessee Claflin publish the first issue of *Woodhull’s and Claflin’s Weekly* to advocate suffrage, 1870
- 16 Readers of *The Woman’s Column*, published by Alice Stone Blackwell, learn that the steel in girls’ corsets interfered with the workings of delicate electrical instruments in a California high school, 1896.
- 21 Clara Barton, known as the “Angel of the Battlefield” because of her courageous services during the Civil War, organizes the Red Cross, 1881.
- 21 *Woodhull & Claflin’s Weekly* notes that seven female American sculptors are currently in Rome, commenting, “How much more noble to strike out for themselves than to depend on others. Go and do likewise,” 1870.
- 22 Victoria Woodhull shocks the readers of the *New York World* with the revelation that she advocates “free love in its highest, purist sense as the only cure for immorality,” 1871.

Trafficking *(continued from page 1)*

talking pimps from local high schools, streets and shopping malls and delivered to major cities all through the U.S. Poor and vulnerable Asian, South and Central American and Russian women and girls are smuggled, kidnapped, raped, tricked and coerced by traffickers and organized crime syndicates into the highly invisible and mobile sex trade that includes strip clubs, escort, massage parlors, brothels and street prostitution. These women and girls make up the Supply side of prostitution.

“The Demand side of prostitution is comprised mostly of educated, middle and upper-class men,” Hotaling said, adding that “as long as we point the finger away from ourselves, away from the institutions that blame and criminalize women and children for their own rape, sexual abuse, trafficking and slavery, away from the men whom we normalize as ‘Johns;’ and as long as we disconnect adult prostitution and the exploitation of children and disconnect prostitution and trafficking in human beings for the purposes of rape and sex slavery, then we are to blame and we have assisted in creating well-funded transnational criminal networks—dollar by dollar.”

“We can’t fall into the trap of those who thinks it’s impossible to stop slavery, that we can just make it better—give them condoms and better mattresses in brothels. But that is not abolishing slavery. That has to be our ultimate goal. What we need to see: a 21st century abolitionist movement,” Miller said.

“Evangelicals, feminists, Congress, Republicans and Democrats, we can unite on abolishing slavery in the 21st century.”

Sex slavery exists in every country in the world today, the speakers said. In the U.S., over 17,000 unwilling people cross the border each year into slavery. Eighty percent of those trafficked are female. Worldwide, the trade is estimated at 800,000 enslaved persons per year, 50 percent of whom are minors. Traffickers make billions on this illegal commerce.

There are things we can do, they emphasized. We can support the NGOs on the front line and become part of the movement. We can call Polaris³, find out if trafficking is in our neighborhood, and, if so, tell the police it is not acceptable, said Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), former co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues. “Why isn’t trafficking being written about,” she asked. “This is a major crime, a crime on the books.” It is not something deserving of “a wink and a nod.”

“If we don’t speak up,” said Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA), current co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues, “we also commit a crime.”

¹ Vital Voices—A nonprofit, global partnership for women based in DC. Its Anti-Trafficking and Human Rights Program promotes partnerships between governments and NGOs to combat trafficking, raises public awareness of trafficking, and trains women leaders to combat it in their own countries. www.vitalvoices.org

² SAGE (Standing Against Global Exploitation) Project—Provides information about and resources for victims of trafficking, sexual exploitation, and violence. www.sageprojectinc.org

³ Polaris Project—A multicultural grassroots organization headquartered in DC and Tokyo. Its strategy includes supporting survivors of trafficking, advocacy, and creating long-term social change. www.polarisproject.org

Anti-Trafficking Bills Currently Before Congress (6 Democrat, 3 Republican, 1 both)

After the above briefing, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Rep. Deborah Price (R-OH) announced the introduction of the End Demand for Sex Trafficking Act of 2005 (as-yet-unnumbered). The bill would authorize funding for a grant program to encourage demand-side strategies for enforcing anti-trafficking laws. Other bills include:

HR 397—Tsunami Orphans and Unaccompanied Children (Rep. Robert Menendez, D-NJ)

HR 912—Humanitarian Assistance Code of Conduct Act (Rep. William Delahunt, D-MA)

HR 950—Prevention of Trafficking of Tsunami Orphans (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY)

HR 972—Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (Rep. Christopher Smith, R-NJ)

HR 1172/S 119—Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act (Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-CA &

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-CA)

HR 1413—Women and Children in Crisis and Conflict Protection Act (Rep. Nita Lowey, D-NY)

S 559—Protection of Vulnerable Populations during Humanitarian Emergencies Act (Sen. Joe Biden, D-DE)

S 644—Widows and Orphans Act (Sen. Sam Brownback, R-KS)

S Res. 48—Trafficking Resolution (Sen. Richard Lugar, R-IN)

A Tale of Two Conferences

As members of the National Organization of Women, you have many opportunities to meet and greet fellow feminists. In Montgomery County, you meet local people and learn about and get involved with local issues and politics.

On Saturday, May 14, Maryland NOW is having its Annual Conference, where you can meet and greet feminists from all over the state. There will be exciting speakers, informative workshops, MD NOW elections, and a discussion with candidates for National NOW office. For more information, or to register, please contact marylandnow@marylandnow.org, or visit www.marylandnow.org. The cost is only \$25 plus \$10 for lunch (optional).

On July 1-3, National NOW is having its Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Your world is getting bigger now! Now you can meet and greet feminists from all over the United States! It is great fun and very empowering to attend a National Conference. Please consider going. It will change your life. More information and registration information is at www.now.org.

As a member of MC NOW, you can be a voting delegate at the National Conference. To sign up to be a delegate, contact our MC NOW President Genevieve Carminati at

genevieve.carminati@montgomerycollege.edu. Or come to the Maryland NOW Conference where you can get credentialed to be a voting delegate.

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So, you see, if you're attending the National NOW Conference in Nashville in July, you can also go as a delegate of Montgomery County NOW, with full voting privileges, **FOR NO EXTRA CHARGE!** What a deal! And you can take care of the credentialing easily by attending the Maryland Conference in May.

Those of you attending either or both of these conferences will experience the happy ending of this tale, so go and enjoy!

How it Was MAY (1850 – 1899)

- 25 At a meeting in London, Sudan B. Anthony tells her British sisters about the educational and political status of women in America, while Elizabeth Cady Stanton talks about the inferior religious and social position, 1883.
- 25 At the International Council of Women in Washington, women from all over the world hear speeches by leading feminists, 1888.
- 26 The first monumental tome (878 pages) of *The History of Woman Suffrage* by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Joslyn Gage, appears in book stores, 1881.
- 28 At a women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio, Sojourner Truth is fondly recalled by Frances Gage as "a tall, gaunt black woman in a gray dress and while turban...who walked with the air of a queen up the aisle and took her seat upon the pulpit steps," 1851.
- 29 Jane Grant, writer who helped her husband, Harold Ross, to found *The New Yorker*, later becoming the first female city room reporter on *The New York Times*, born. Founder of the Lucy Stone League, she refused to be known by the name of her second husband, Mr. Harris, often refusing telephone calls at home by saying, "There is no Mrs. Harris here," and registering in hotels as Mr. Harris and his wife Jane Grant, born 1892.

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

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When Harvard President Larry Summers put forth his theory in January about the gender gap among science professors, he suggested, among other things, that men may have more “intrinsic aptitude” for science. This has brought strong reactions from many sectors.

A panel of women who have made successful non-traditional career choices will discuss their roles – particularly in terms of the unusual opportunities provided by those careers and the obstacles they have encountered along the way.

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- **Fran Everett**, Baltimore NOW member and micro-biologist

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March 13, 2005

Sex Assault Continues Unchecked in Congo

In the jungles and border towns of eastern Congo, a civil war staggers on, largely ignored. The civil war officially ended almost two years ago, but despite the presence of the world's largest UN peacekeeping force, deadly conflict continues. Combatants on all sides of Congo's war are guilty of sexual violence, and little has been done to slow it down or prosecute those responsible. Worse, those sent to protect the people of Congo by the international community have not only failed to protect the country's women, but have contributed to the exploitation. UN peacekeeping troops are said to be involved in widespread sexual misconduct, including rape and child prostitution. But few cases of sexual assault have been prosecuted, even of the peacekeepers, who remain under the legal authority of their home countries. Stopping the violence, says Human Rights Watch, means holding high-ranking commanders accountable and increasing the involvement of the international community, including donors and news organizations.

March 25, 2005

Islamic Women Break Custom, Lead Prayers

Five days after the first woman-led, mixed gender, Islamic prayer occurred in New York, a second prayer took place in Boston. With more planned in the U.S., this push for public spiritual leadership by women in Islam is stirring worldwide controversy. Amina Wadud, cloaked in full Muslim garb, led the mixed-gender prayer inside a building on the grounds of St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City. And in Boston, former Wall Street Journal reporter Asra Nomani, author of “Standing Alone in Mecca,” led the prayer inside a prayer hall at Brandeis University. In another departure from tradition, women in both prayers stood next to the men, not behind them or in separately designated areas. At Wadud's prayer, some women did not cover their hair. Scholars say this departure from tradition is part of an inevitable reform in the U.S. that follows in the steps of Judaism and

Christianity, both of which began discussions over women leading prayer four or five decades ago. Wadud, who described herself as a “lonely academic” and asked not to be contacted after that event, is a professor of Islamic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. The New York-based Progressive Muslim Union of North America organized the event, and is planning others in Toronto, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC. For security reasons, the announcement of times and places will be restricted to members.

April 1, 2005

Chile's Pols Battle Over Emergency Contraception

Two women lead the presidential race in Chile, where emergency contraception has become an incendiary campaign issue—after the firing of a health official for saying the government was planning free distribution of the morning-after pill. The four-party, left-wing coalition that has been ruling Chile since its 1990 return to democracy faces strains as its leading presidential candidates, both female—Soledad Alvear and Michelle Bachelet—prepare to face each other in the July primaries. Alvear, former minister for women's issues and the Christian Democratic candidate, has come out against the use of Postinor-2 by anyone other than a rape victim. Her opponent, Michelle Bachelet, a physician with the Socialist party, has so far held her silence. But since the government approved the pill in 2001, when she was health minister, she is widely assumed to support a policy of liberal distribution and access to emergency contraception. Cardinal Errazuriz has launched an anti-pill campaign, including a letter urging parishioners to voice their opposition. Thousands of women took to the streets to protest the pill's distribution. Some mayors announced they would prevent distribution in their cities. But, so far, Bachelet is leading Alvear by more than 25 percent. And both polled ahead of the right-wing candidate, Joaquin Lavín.

—MB



Minding the gap. In the same era as the Lawrence Summers debate, England is finding innovative ways to close the math gap between 16-year-old girls and boys. As you recall, Summers, president of Harvard, said “issues of intrinsic aptitude” might explain the gender differences in students’

math scores (In the U.S., 9.3 percent of boys scored higher than 700 on the math portion of the SAT in 2004, but only 4.4 percent of girls did so.) England has made sweeping changes in how its schools teach math. Before a national curriculum began in 1988, 45.6 percent of boys and 38.2 percent of girls scored passing grades of A to C in math. But by 2004, girls started matching and even surpassing boys by 53 percent to 52 percent. However, English boys still slightly surpassed girls in achieving the highest score, called an A-star, by 4.5 percent to 4.0 percent. One reason for the closing gap: an emphasis on mathematical analysis, in which girls excel, as opposed to the traditional problem-solving that many boys see as competition. Another reason involved having students mark their answers on white boards and hold them up, rather than asking them to raise hands or speak up in class. (Wall St Jrnl, 3-30-05)

Food for thought. Geneticists are finding that two creatures with the same DNA—be they water fleas, caterpillars, or people—can be dramatically altered by the environment in which they live. Water fleas grow protective helmets in fish-smelling waters but not in pure aquarium water. Oak-tree caterpillars

that hatch in spring eat oak blossoms and grow up to look like flowers, while those hatched in summer eat leaves and grow up looking like twigs. As for humans, one version of a certain gene that produces low amounts of MAOA is closely linked to aggression and criminality—so much so that it is called the “violence gene”—while another version of the same gene produces normal amounts and no particular propensity to violence. Males born with low levels of MAOA are twice as likely to fight, bully, steal, or vandalize. Even so, men with low levels of MAOA are no more likely to be violent than those with higher amounts—if they are not subject to abuse or neglect as children. Boys who always seem to turn out “bad” may only have been exposed to few environments, says Eric Turkheimer of the University of Virginia. “Once a new environment comes along it can change everything, so what you thought was a fixed effect of a gene isn’t.” (Wall St Jrnl, 4-22-05)

Why are there so few scholars in the Republican Party, New York Times writer Paul Krugman rhetorically asks. Even in the hard sciences, he notes, Republicans are nearly as rare at elite universities as they are in the social sciences and humanities. Self-selection is one explanation, “the same sort of self-selection that leads Republicans to outnumber Democrats four to one in the military.” There is also a question of a scholar’s values. In the 1970s, the Republican Party was the “party of ideas,” Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan conceded. But today, as Republicans such as Rep. Chris Shays admit, it has become the “party of theocracy.” (NYTimes 4-5-05) One might also ask why there are so few journalists in the Republican

Party. Might it not be the result of a deeper understanding of the issues?

Domestic violence increases after male fans return from watching their team win a game, not lose it as assumed, according to a report in last month’s Injury Prevention. Cardiff University researchers, studying related emergency room visits after 106 games over seven years, found an average of 33.5 visits to the ER after the local team won versus 25.4 visits when it lost. Victory is a bigger cause of fan violence in general, the researchers wrote, because “[I]evels of self-confidence, assertiveness or patriotism may be heightened following a win.” (Wash Post 4-4-05)

“Women are not going to go away,” Catholic theologian-historian, former priest, and author James Carroll (“Constantine’s Sword”) tells Bill Moyers. Despite the election of conservative Pope Benedict XVI, “Women are not going to lose their voice just because certain persons in the hierarchy wish it would happen. It’s not going to happen.” (Wide Angle, PBS, 4-26-05)



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MAY 2005

- 7 Vision in Feminism Conference on self-representation, Univ. of Md, College Park. www.visioninfeminist@hotmail.com or 703-276-9768.
- 7 8am, 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk to benefit Society for Women's Health Research, West Potomac Park, DC. www.womenshealthresearch.org or 202-996-5011.
- 8 Mothers Day
- 12 7:30 pm. Women in Non-Traditional Careers panel. Stony Run Friends Meeting House, 5116 N. Charles St., Baltimore. www.info@baltimorenow.org or 410-668-4399.
- 14 9am-4:30pm. Maryland NOW Annual Conference, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

- 14 8am-4pm. The Money Conference for Women, Towson University. Free. www.baltimorecountyonline.com or 410-887-3448.

- 8-14 Women's Health Week

JUNE 2005

- 19-21 Institute for Women's Policy Research conference, George Washington Univ., DC. www.iwpr.org/Conference2005

JULY 2005

- 1-3 NOW National Conference, Nashville, Tenn. www.now.org

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- 26 Women's Equality Day

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Maryland NOW Annual Conference 2005

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**Saturday, May 14, 2005
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Montgomery College • Rockville Campus**

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From the north - take I-270 South to Exit 6, Route 28, W. Montgomery Ave./Rockville. Then take Exit 6A, Route 28 East. Turn left at first traffic light onto Nelson Street. Go to first traffic light at Mannakee St; turn left. The campus is 1-1/2 blocks on the left.

From the south - take I-495 to Exit 35, I-270 North/Frederick. Exit on 6A, Route 28, W. Montgomery Ave./Rockville (1/4 mile north of Montrose Road exit). Follow Montgomery College sign through traffic light (road becomes Nelson Street). Go to first traffic light at Mannakee St; turn left. The campus is 1 1/2 blocks on the left.

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