

# June News Show

new opening  
fade out theme

new music for news theme (meet Christensen) - More music  
- new opening

Win (voice sounded <sup>like it was</sup> in a can?)

- don't fade theme into news theme (?)

Win & Lori voices not equalized

Win - "plublic"

change of music

Chay - sports news (do in U/L)  
(easier to read)

Win & Chay voices not equalized

(why music behind sports calendar?)

change of music

Movie notes: good material

music came in too soon

more careful selection of music  
ahead of time - so we know  
what we got

Intro to announcements "get out your paper + pencils"

my speakers:  
on levels?

- some personal, informal  
talk in between;  
intro to sections

Jun 1982

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*Health*  
NATIONAL/WORKING

A new study has shown that women with the key roles of job, wife and mother are actually healthier than their counterparts who are wives and mothers but do not work outside the home.

The study also found that while the health of American women overall has declined over the past two decades, the health of employed, married women has improved.

"It is women with less active lives whose health has declined," stated Dr. Lois Verbrugge, author of the study. Verbrugge presented her findings recently at a conference sponsored by the World Health Organization. She is a researcher at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

National Women's Health Network Newsletter

~~WHICH~~ Which job category produces the highest level of stress?

No, not doctors or even air traffic controllers, but clerical video-display terminal operators. In a study done by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, over 10 million people, mostly women, work on VDT's in the U.S. and tend to report high levels of anxiety, depression, fatigue and increased health problems.

The study refers to clerical operators who work on VDT's on a continuing basis, 40 hours a week. The high level of stress is attributed to the nature of the work -- boring, with little control over the work and little use of skills. Other health risks associated with VDT's include exposure to radiation from the cathode ray tubes and loss of visual acuity.

How can you identify the most stressful jobs? Jobs which place great demands on workers, yet give little or no control over the task at hand, are the most stressful. Therefore, while both executives and clerical workers experience high-demand on the job, the fact that executives can make decisions, gain new skills and receive adequate salaries, make their work less stressful -- high demand jobs in themselves don't create stress.

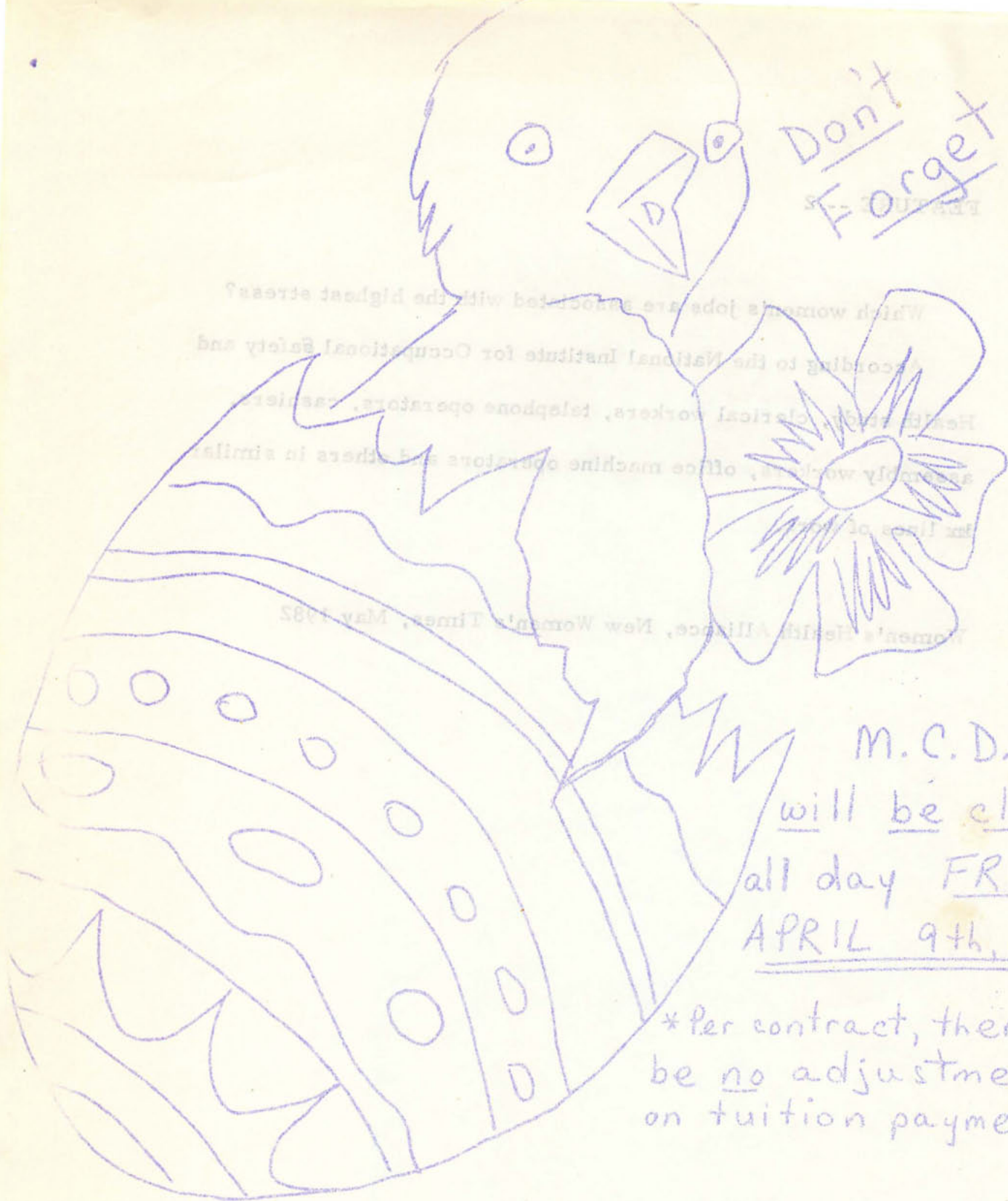
In regard to the majority of jobs available to women, women have a greater risk for stress-related illness as most jobs women do are both high-demand and low control.

FEATURE -- 2

Which women's jobs are associated with the highest stress?

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study, clerical workers, telephone operators, cashiers, assembly workers, office machine operators and others in similar ~~lx~~ lines of work.

Women's Health Alliance, New Women's Times, May 1982



Don't  
Forget . . .

M.C.D.C.  
will be closed  
all day FRIDAY,  
APRIL 9th, 1982

\*Per contract, there will  
be no adjustments  
on tuition payments!

Happy Easter from all of us!

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Ten working class women charged with having illegal abortions were acquitted by a court in Spain in a test of the country's anti-abortion law. Feminists demonstrated in several towns during the trial. When the case began three years ago, hundreds of women including actresses and journalists declared they had had abortions, and hundreds of men including well-known left-wing politicians said they had helped women seek abortions.

4-Soni

## INTERNATIONAL

Every day, 400 women become the victims of rape in South Africa. Government statistics include 16,000 reported rapes a year in a country with a population of less than 24 million. But the staff of the Rape Crisis Clinic believes that only one in twenty rapes is reported, bringing figures to an annual 320,000 rapes.

A spokesperson for the Rape Crisis Clinic believes that the high incidence of rape is directly related to the violent nature of the South African apartheid system. According to that country's top criminologists, the frustrations of an oppressed and politically deprived "people" are vented by rape.

Cross-color rapes receive the most publicity, yet statistics show that there are eight cases of a white man raping a Black woman for every case of a Black man raping a white woman. Almost 95 percent of rapes occur within the same color group.

South Africa's abortion law allows the pregnancy of a rape victim to be terminated only if the rape is reported within 72 hours.

New Women's Times, May, 1982

Marriage and the Family in the  
Israeli Kibbutz

Introduction

What is a kibbutz?  
General characteristics of a kibbutz  
Background of the kibbutz movement  
Reasons for studying this family: Is there marriage and the family in kibbutz?

Marriage

Regulation of sexual behavior in the kibbutz  
"Pairing off" in the kibbutz  
Is this "pairing off" marriage? The case for and against

Family Functions in the Kibbutz

Childrearing in the kibbutz  
Economic function of the family  
The family as a social group  
Is there a family in the kibbutz?

Evaluation of Kibbutz Society

Family functions and the welfare of the society



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HEALTH

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

Premenstrual syndrome, or <sup>PMS</sup> ~~PMS~~, is now being recognized by doctors as an illness. Previously women who went for help often were not taken seriously. The syndrome involves a hormone imbalance producing physical and emotional symptoms including violent behavior in some women. PMS Action, Inc. in Madison, Wisconsin, a clearinghouse and counseling center, has received 10,000 inquiries since it opened two years ago. Co-founder Julie Eggar is concerned that two recent British court cases acquitting women on assault and attempted murder charges because they were ~~not~~ <sup>PMS</sup> victims of ~~PMS~~ "may be used to generalize women."

Sojourner, May, 1982

And at the United Nations last month, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's tough stand on the Falkland Islands was ~~also~~ attributed to the "glandular system of women" by Panama's foreign minister. U.S. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick called the remark "outrageously sexist." No one mentioned the glandular systems of the Argentine warriors.

HEALTH

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The Women's Health Center Newsletter in Santa Cruz, California, reports that residents of a south San Jose neighborhood are pushing for further research to establish a connection between recent birth defects and water contaminated with high levels of toxic chemicals. The Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation reported a ~~leak~~ leak of trichlorethane 1, 1, 1 (TCS) from an underground storage tank. The leak caused 29 times the allowable concentration of the industrial solvent to be found in a water company well which serves 16, 500 households.

Approximately 500 community members gathered to hear health officials insist that there is no connection between the birth defects and the chemicals, despite their acknowledgement that the research has been limited and inconclusive. This situation has the community up in arms. Their skepticism is justified in light of the Love Canal tragedy and many lesser-known catastrophies were "official reports" failed to adequately reflect a harsh reality.

7. Ihr ~~der~~ sollten den St \_\_\_\_\_ den  
Stein schicken, <sup>your father</sup> <sub>↳ (pl.)</sub>

8. Ich ~~würde~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ein Buch  
geben <sub>would like</sub> <sub>the waiter</sub>

9. ~~Der~~ <sup>9</sup> ~~is~~

9. \_\_\_\_\_ (the doctor)  
my illness \_\_\_\_\_ verstehen <sub>↳ or ♂</sub> <sub>should wants to</sub> <sub>my</sub>

10. ~~Deutsch~~ ~~der~~ ~~soll~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ <sub>is supposed to be</sub> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

10. Er kommt aus \_\_\_\_\_  
Switzerland.

11. Außer \_\_\_\_\_, haben Sie andere  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
@ siblings

7- Win

**NATIONAL/SINGLE WOMEN**

Despite high prices, soaring interest rates and rising taxes, an increasing number of single women are becoming homeowners, according to the National Association of Realtors in Chicago. This reflects their moving into better-paying jobs, plus their ability to borrow mortgage money more easily as a result of federal laws passed in 1975 to prevent sex discrimination in lending and homebuying. "It is also far more socially acceptable for young single women to buy homes of their own rather than wait around for a husband to make the ownership dual."

**Christian Science Monitor**

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**NATIONAL**

**Seniority systems that lock Blacks and women in lower-paid jobs cannot be considered discriminatory unless deliberate intent to discriminate can also be proved, the Supreme Court rules in April.**

**Sandra Day O'Connor shared the majority opinion in the 5 ~~to~~ 4 vote.**

**Sojourner, May, 1982**

(5) Win

**NATIONAL**

A federal judge has ordered United Airlines to rehire 1,400 stewardesses who were forced to quite because they got married. United was told to add the dismissed stewardesses to its rolls of laid-off ~~xxxx~~ employees eligible for recall on a seniority basis.

The ruling was based on a suit filed by ~~XXXXXX~~ United stewardesses to protest the rule barring married women from working as flight attendants, a rule which was changed in 1968.

New Women Times, May, 1982

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## NATIONAL/EDUCATION

Women outnumber men on college campuses by nearly half a million. Of the overall U. S. enrollment of 12.3 million students last fall, about 52% were women. So calculates the National Center for Education Statistics.

And in Florida, State Senator Jack Gordon of Miami Beach has introduced an unusual bill that would give women a 39% discount on college tuition. He says it's only fair because women who graduate from college earn that much less than men with the same degree. He introduced the measure to make a point to opponents of the ERA who say state laws are sufficient to assure equality between the ~~sex~~ sexes.

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NATIONAL

Researchers at New York University's Institute for Developmental Studies report that a follow-up study of over 1,200 children in a forerunner to the Headstart Program in Harlem shows that the girls have lost most of the gains from the program.

The researchers say that all the former children, who are now in their twenties, have higher educational achievement and a greater sense of control over their lives than those who weren't in the program.

However, the girls, the study concludes, "The competence, assertiveness and questioning skills they have acquired during (Headstart) often conflicted with sex-role expectations, and gains in self-perception and competence were reversed."

New Women's Times, May, 1982



Vegetarians and non-~~veg~~vegetarians are invited to a vegetarian buffet dinner on Saturday, March 27, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 18340 John R, in Detroit. The dinner will be catered by Athena Rising. There will be two seatings, at 6 and 8 pm. Proceeds from the feast will benefit the Mejishi Karate Dojo students' special martial arts training program.

How much is the price? \$10.00

Is this a one-time thing or a recurring event?

It is a one-time event. The proceeds from the dinner will go to the Mejishi Karate Dojo students' special martial arts training program.

How much is the price? The price is \$10.00 per person.

Is there a limit on how many people I can bring?

There is no limit on how many people you can bring. The price is \$10.00 per person.

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EMMANUEL

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LOCAL

Sister Agnes Mary Mansour, president of Mercy College, said she has received permission from her religious order to run for the 17th District seat being vacated by U. S. Rep William Brodhead.

In making the announcement, Sister Agnes Mary, a Democrat, said she had consulted Martha Griffiths -- Brodhead's predecessor in the Detroit district for 20 years -- about her decision and that Griffiths "was very enthusiastic and supportive."

Sister Agnes Mary has been Mercy College president for 11 years. She was recently appointed to the board of directors of NBD Bancorp, and also to the board of its main subsidiary, National Bank of Detroit.

"When you're a college president there's just no way to be apolitical," Sister Agnes Mary said. "As a religious community the Sisters of Mercy are concerned about social justice issues," she said.

Detroit City Council member Maryann Mahaffey is also said to be interested in running for the District seat.

Detroit Free Press, May 27, 1982

NATIONAL/BABY RACKET

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Pregnant and desperate? Video Bible-thumper Jerry Falwell wants your baby. Falwell's Moral Majority recently launched a Save-A-Baby campaign to steer women with unwanted pregnancies away from abortion clinics and into the custody of his congregation. If the woman's family will not support her during her pregnancy, she will be housed with a "Christian" family in a "shepherd home" until she delivers. If the mother decides to offer the baby for adoption, the baby will be given to a Christian family, thus saving two lives: the "fallen girl," who will be born again; and the baby, who will be given a "real start" in a Falwell-blessed home.

So far only five pregnant women have responded to the Save-A-Baby Hour pitch, which was delivered on Falwell's Old-Time Gospel ~~Hour~~ TV show. But Falwell's goal is to produce 100,000 unwanted children this year.

Falwell is also using the Save-A-Baby appeal in his direct-mail advertising. Part of these ~~money~~ donations will pay for a "Tomb of the Unborn Baby," to be constructed on a Virginia mountain "In memory of the millions of aborted babies that have died in America since January 22, 1973, (the day the Supreme Court legalized abortion). In return for \$15, Falwell's Group sends donors a "Precious Feet" lapel pin, whose tiny toes and arches are "approximately the size of a baby's feet in its mother's womb, ten weeks after conception."

Save-A-Baby director Dave Fleming says the program helps young women learn the joys of self-control and domestic labor: While under supervision in the shepherd homes, the ~~pregnant~~ pregnant women -- many of whom will likely be teenagers -- will be taught "sewing, housework, personal hygiene"- and other female functions.

**BABY RACKET -- 2**

**Reproductive rights groups are appalled by Falwell's new campaign. "They are manipulating young pregnant women in the most grotesque way," says Jill Benderly, cochairperson of the Committee for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse. "Not only do they coerce the young woman to bear a child and then take it from her, but they also attempt to brainwash her while she's in their custody. It's another form of female slavery."**

**Mother Jones, June, 1982**

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**NATIONAL**

Bethesda Home for Girls, a residence for unwed mothers in Mississippi, has been ordered not to move any residents until the court rules on a Southern Poverty Law Center suit alleging the girls were held virtual prisoners, forced to do unpaid labor and fed inadequately. Reports of prison-like facilities have appeared frequently in Mississippi newspapers in recent months, alleging that in some cases residents are moved from state to state to do ~~xxx~~ unpaid work.

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New Women's Times, May, 1982

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NATIONAL

Pearce,  
Diana ~~Heason~~, co-author of a new report on women and poverty,  
has labeled government welfare programs as sexist; they were never  
designed to get women off welfare.

Pearce charges that welfare programs do not address poor  
women's special needs and hardships, such as wage discrimination,  
segregation into "pink collar" jobs, and single parenthood combined  
with a lack of affordable day-care facilities.

New Women's Times, May, 1982

Win

## NATIONAL/POVERTY

The official poverty population, 25 million (12 percent), has remained fairly constant since 1969, according to a report issued earlier last year by the President's National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity. But the Council said at least a total of 46 million (about one-fifth of the population) hover close to the official poverty line.

The Council found "the feminization of poverty" one of the most compelling social facts of the decade.

Almost one family in three that is headed by a female is in poverty, compared to about one in 18 families headed by a man. At the present rate, by the year 2000, "the entire poverty population will be women," the Council said.

Don't look for another poverty study from the Council, however. The agency was terminated September 30, 1981 as part of the budget cuts.

Common Cause, Detroit Women's Voice, May, 1982



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NATIONAL

On April 5 at 10:15 pm, the Anti-Swine Brigade padlocked the front door of Erick's, a pornographic night club in Washington, DC. Approximately 12 men were observed approaching the door and leaving when they could not enter. The door remained locked for an hour and a half until two police cars arrived and the lock was removed.

According to the Brigade spokesperson, "Men who patronize topless night clubs and other pornographic establishments view women as sexual toys. This sexist attitude is the theory underlining the practices of rape, wife beating, sexual harrassment, child molestation and ~~sex~~ other forms of female oppression. We locked up the patrons of Erick's because women are not safe on the streets or in their homes with these men."

The Anti-Swine Brigade is a collective of feminist women and anti-sexist men.

New Women's Times, May, 1982

Formalities for Contracting Marriage:

- Gen. 29: 23-30 (Marriage by service: Jacob for Leah and Rachel)
- Gen. 34: 11-12 (Shechem offers bride price for Dinah)
- Gen. 24: 53 (Abraham's servants give bride price for Rebekah)

Plural marriages: Gen. 4: 19 (First mention of polygyny)

Concubinage: Gen. 30: 3-4 (Rachel offers Jacob her maid)

Divorce: Deut. 24: 1-4 (Divorce and remarriage after divorce regulations)

Sex Mores

- Adultery: Deut. 22: 22 (Death penalty for adulterers)  
Lev. 18: 20 (Adultery forbidden)  
Numbers 5: 11-31 (Rite of waters test for female adultery)

- Fornication: Deut. 22: 23-24 (Death penalty for sex relations with betrothed virgin if act occurred in city)  
Deut. 22: 25-27 (Man only to be put to death if sex relations with betrothed girl occurred "in the field")  
Deut. 22: 13-21 (Husband's accusation of premarital unchastity on part of wife; punishment of husband for unjust accusation, of wife if accusation sustained)  
Deut. 22: 28-29 (Sex relations with unbetrothed virgin)

- Sexual perversions: Gen. 19: 4-11 (Homosexuality condemned; the men of Sodom)  
Deut. 22: 5 (Transvestism forbidden)  
Lev. 18: 22 (Homosexuality forbidden)  
Lev. 18: 23 (Bestiality forbidden)

# Gender gap on Reagan

By JON MARGOLIS

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — He likes Ronald Reagan and she doesn't. He's all for beefing up the military but she thinks that might lead to war. He thinks there should be more nuclear power plants but she thinks they're unsafe.

Where is this couple? All over the country, according to several public opinion polls, all of which point to a growing gender gap in politics.

More than ever before, the polls show, men and women differ significantly in their opinion of the president and on some key issues.

**A TYPICAL RESULT** was found in a poll taken in November by the Roper Organization, which showed that 56 percent of the men but only 47 percent of the women approved of the way Reagan is handling his job.

A poll for the Democratic Party two weeks later showed 36 percent of the men and 27 percent of the women felt Reagan's economics benefited them.

"Reagan gets a lower rating among women than men, consistently and systematically," says political scientist Everett Carl Ladd, writing in the current issue of Public Opinion Magazine.

**THOUGH THERE** is no doubt about the existence of the gender gap, the reasons are open to dispute. Not surprisingly, feminist leaders attribute it to Reagan's stand on such issues as abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment.

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"Women are registering an alarming insensitivity on the part of the administration toward them," says Cathy Wilson, a Republican who heads the National Women's Political Caucus. She says Reagan's opposition to the ERA and legal abortions, reduced social spending and absence of women in the cabinet have angered many women.

But others doubt that the women's issues are the root cause.

"I think it's the war-peace issue," says Peter Hart, a Washington pollster. "If you look at any question on national defense, more often than not, there's a gender gap."

**THE LATEST** CBS-New York Times poll supports Hart's view. Asked whether they fear Reagan will get the country into a war, men say no by a 57-39 percent margin, but women say yes by a similar 56-36 percent spread.

Hart speculates men tend to be more conservative on fiscal matters and more combative on foreign policy.

The polls also show a gender gap in opinions on social service spending, nuclear power and, to a lesser extent, environmental issues.



# Rape victim's suit charges lax security

FRANKLIN, Ind. — (UPI) — An Indianapolis rape victim is suing her apartment landlords for \$400,000 on the ground that they failed to provide promised security.

The trial is the first in Indiana in which a tenant is charging that a landlord failed to promise protection from crime, said Timothy O'Hara, a lawyer for Beverly Greene.

Courts have held that landlords are not automatically responsible to protect tenants, O'Hara said. But Greene's suit seeks to hold Village Square Apartments to its offers of security in conversations with her and in newspaper advertisements, he said.

The landlords' lawyer, Phillip Scaletta, said in opening arguments "what Mrs. Greene understood was security when she moved into the complex . . . was this telephone she could call 24 hours a day."

Scaletta said the unidentified assailant should be caught and put on trial, not the landlords.

The man who attacked Greene in January 1977 grabbed her just after she parked her car. He forced her back into the car and raped her.

# Secretaries Older

Most secretaries are not pert young things just out of high school, according to a survey made by the temporary help firm Manpower. A full eighty percent of the secretaries replying to a questionnaire are over 30 years of age, and 41 percent are over 40.

Forty eight percent have worked as a secretary more than 10 years, and 75 percent more than six years. And 75 percent have left the work force at least once to raise children.

Fifty three percent say they have never wanted to change places with the boss, but 88 percent think the job can be a stepping stone to other jobs with more authority and pay.

Eighty nine percent say that to move up in a company's organizational ladder, you'll need continuing education and a good knowledge of the company's operation. And the new skills they think they'll need in the next five years? Word processing and computers, say 47 percent.

Another surprising statistic: 96 percent have completed high school and 81 percent have attended college, business school, or graduate school. That says a lot for the capabilities of our nation's secretaries, without whom we are sure many management people would founder and be unable to operate. Here's to the secretaries, bless 'em. Now where did we put that memo?

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## Another Eight Percent

State banks are pushing for higher interest rates, and now one executive, Robert Surdam, board chairman of NBD, hails a package of bills scheduled for consideration in the State House today that will, among other things, lift the interest rate on consumer loans to a floating figure about six to eight percent above the current rate on 26-week Treasury Bills.

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# High military budget imperils women's jobs

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The \$135 billion 1980 U.S. military budget cost the jobs of nearly 1.3 million women, a new study claims.

According to the study by Employment Research Associates, women lose jobs in 49 of 50 states when the military budget goes up, and each \$1 billion increase means 9,500 jobs lost for women.

The study, "Neither Jobs Nor Security," is one of a series of publications by the Lansing, Mich., group that studies military spending and its impact on the economy.

It contends that when the military increases spending, the private sector decreases outlays and it is in the private sector that most women are employed.

The study did not do any projections based on future defense spending such as the the \$258 billion for fiscal 1983 which promises to encounter tough sledding in Congress.

**"WE FOUND THAT HIGH** military spending causes women to suffer a net loss of jobs in every major category of employment: manufacturing, construction, services and state and local government," said Marion Anderson, author of the study and in charge of the privately funded, nonprofit research foundation.

According to the study, only 1 percent of all women employed work either on military contracts or for the armed services. It said 232,000 women work on military contracts and 382,000 are employed by the armed forces.

It said Michigan women lost 69,300 jobs because of spending for the 1980 Pentagon budget.

The report challenges Defense Department contentions that cutting the defense budget will fuel unemployment. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger warned Capitol Hill recently that cutting the military budget could cost the economy several hundred thousand jobs.

**"AT A TIME WHEN WE** desperately need to create new jobs and get the economy moving again, we must carefully re-examine the defense budget," said Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., in commenting on the report.

"The painful fact is that we must become more competitive in civilian markets or it won't matter how sophisticated our weapons are because unemployment and underemployment will continue to eat away at our prosperity," he said.

The study used an analysis developed by Professor Bruce Russett of Yale University to show how various sectors of the civilian economy are affected by the rise and fall of military spending over a 30-year period.

For every \$1 billion spent on the military, Russett found expenditures in other key sectors reduced.

**THE EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH** study translates the expenditures lost or foregone in civilian categories into the number of jobs lost in each state, and contrasts them with the number of jobs created through military contracts and salaries to show which states lose and which gain from military spending.

The state figures are analyzed to determine the number of jobs lost or foregone in each sector of the civilian economy by women, contrasted with the number of jobs created for women by military spending.

According to the study, only Virginia gained jobs for women — 8,650 — as a result of Pentagon spending in 1980.

New York state suffered the largest net loss of women's jobs — 181,000 — according to the

report. California lost 144,650, Illinois 97,950, Pennsylvania 70,350, Texas 59,800 and Florida, 55,550.

**REP. PAT SCHROEDER**, D-Colo., said the study "disposes of the Pentagon argument that jobs will be lost if the military budget is touched."

"With an economy as fragile as ours," said Mrs. Anderson, the study's author, "it is critical to expose the myth that military spending creates jobs and is good for the economy ... if taxpayers keep their money and spend it on their own needs and on services provided by state and local government, many more jobs are generated than when it goes to the Pentagon."

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**'At a time when we desperately need to create new jobs and get the economy moving again, we must carefully re-examine the defense budget.'**

# NEWS/COMMENTARY

**Kinsey Institute's** Martin Weinburg has concluded in his book *Sexual Preference* that homosexuality is either biologically formed or at least so well established in early life that it is relatively impervious to change or modification by parents, therapists, or later sexual experiences. Earlier studies have been of homosexuals in therapy. Weinburg's study was of a more varied group.

**SMA Infant Formula** found dangerously deficient in vitamin B3 has been recalled on orders from the FDA. Nearly 50,000 cans of Sursoy formula, made by the same company (Wyeth Laboratories), were recalled March 3 for their complete lack of the vitamin.

**Poorer mothers** have smaller babies, and smaller babies are at a higher risk of early death, says the *American Medical Association Journal*. Minority women in the U.S. are twice as likely as white women to bear babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds because of their poverty, not their race.

Women make up a record 37 percent of first year **gynecology and obstetric** residents this year in the United States. If this trend continues, women will represent 20 percent of such specialists by the early 1990s.

**Russian women** make up two-thirds of Soviet doctors and a large majority of engineers. However, the reality behind the statistics is less impressive. Because it is identified as "a woman's profession" being a doctor tends to carry no more prestige than being a school-teacher, which is also considered a woman's job (*New York Times*)

A **California rapist** was recently sentenced to 151 years in prison for assaulting over two dozen women by a strategy that is now called "bumper-rape." A woman is spotted driving alone. The attacker bumps his vehicle (usually stolen) into hers and when she gets out of her car to inspect the damage and exchange licenses, he attacks her.

**Most sexual crimes** against children are committed by someone the child knows and occur in a familiar setting like home or a school playground, according to SAFE, the group teaching self-defense to girl scouts in New York. Parents who teach their children simply to stay away from strangers and strange places don't help. Teaching a child that it is wrong to challenge an adult creates a problem when she needs to resist threats, bribes, and con-games by a potential attacker. (*New York Times*)

A survey of 2,000 people found just 18 percent having close **platonic friends** of the opposite sex.

**Toxic shock syndrome** victim Deletha Dawn Lampshire, an 18-year-old college student, is presenting her case against Proctor and Gamble, makers of Rely tampons, to the courts in Denver. She contracted the rare disease two years ago and is now permanently disabled. Center for Disease Control tests show cultures of bacteria associated with toxic shock live several days in some brands of tampons, but up to six weeks in Rely tampons.

**Canada's 107-year-old Supreme Court** has appointed its first woman judge. Judge Bertha Wilson, a conservative, was appointed after pressure from women's groups who pointed to the U.S. appointment of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor as a precedent.

**A couple in China** who has two children instead of the government-set ideal of one may not receive work bonuses or promotions for three years "to make sure the parents bear the extra cost of raising the second child with no help from the state." Those with only one child receive a monthly bonus equal to 15 percent of their income, free medical benefits and nursery school care, and preferential treatment in housing, job assignments and promotions. China has reduced its birthrate from 34 per thousand in 1970 to 18 per thousand in 1979.

Berlin-based **Courage Magazine** has announced it will hold back 10 percent of its taxes until NATO reverses its recent decision to place Pershing Two and Cruise Missiles in West Germany beginning in 1983. A widening women's tax revolt in West Germany is aimed at resisting the arms race.

**Shelters for homeless women** in New York City have space for only 400, while shelters for men have space for 2600. A class action suit has been filed to force the city to expand and upgrade their facilities which lack adequate space, showers and toilets. Meanwhile 150 women sleep on floors of two 24-hour drop in centers. The city does have an outreach van which picks up homeless women daily from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. (*New York Times*)

**Castration** for men convicted twice of aggravated rape is being proposed by Paula Lewellen, a conservative Republican, who has introduced a bill into the Massachusetts Legislature through Representative Royall Switzer. "It's time to scare the living daylight out of rapists," she said. (*The Boston Globe*)

The **Massachusetts Maritime Academy** is being charged with sex discrimination by the U.S. Department of Justice. The suit alleges that for many years qualified women applicants were left on the dock while less qualified men were welcomed aboard.

**Rita Owens**, a Somerville, Massachusetts woman, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for first-degree murder in the stabbing death of a Somerville man. Owens, a Moroccan national and a prostitute in Boston's Combat Zone, said the man had tried to rape and then strangle her. Lawyer Nancy Gertner argued that it was self-defense and that Owens had gone to the police herself to admit the stabbing.

**Chilean Isabel Letelier**, widow of an assassinated Allende Cabinet member, has founded the Chile Committee for Human Rights to compile information on human rights violations. She is "disheartened" by the Reagan Administration's "certification" that El Salvador has made sufficient progress in human rights to qualify for aid, and fears that Chile may be the next to be wrongly "certified."

A January raid on the women's state prison in **Framingham, Massachusetts** was unnecessarily gestapo-like, according to the inmates' lawyers, who are initiating a federal civil rights suit. Female prisoners were video-taped by state troopers as they were led half-naked down the halls to be strip-searched. The *Boston Globe* called the raid primarily a "media event." It cost \$34,000.

**Bethesda Home for Girls**, a residence for unwed mothers in Mississippi, has been ordered not to move any residents until the court rules on a Southern Poverty Law Center suit alleging the girls were held virtual prisoners, forced to do unpaid labor and fed inadequately. Reports of prison-like facilities have appeared frequently in Mississippi newspapers in recent months, alleging that in some cases residents are moved from state to state to do unpaid work.

Parents of **teenagers under 18 applying for contraceptives** from federally funded clinics would have to be informed within ten days under an order proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Public comment will be taken by Marjory Mecklenberg, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.) through April 23. Unless withdrawn the proposed rule will go into effect at the end of April. A

recent study shows 25 percent of young clinic patients would stop applying for contraceptives, but only 2 percent would stop sexual activity. Although proponents of the regulation argue that parents have a right to know of federally funded actions which might endanger their child's health, it has been shown that teenagers are five times as apt to die from pregnancy-related causes as they are from using the pill.

"**Once a caesarean, always a caesarean**" needn't be so, says the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. A review of 28,000 vaginal deliveries by women who had previously had caesareans showed that "many women could have non-surgical deliveries safely." Presently, 99 percent of women who had caesareans have surgical deliveries also for additional children. In fact, 17 percent of 1980 births were by caesarean and nearly a quarter of these involved women with prior caesarean births. (*New York Times*)

**Daycare funding** in Massachusetts will be cut by \$3 million under Governor King's proposed budget. At a recent hearing, Rosa Matto of New Bedford, working mother of three, said, "If any more programs are cut, I'd have to give up my job and stay home. Then the state would lose my taxes and end up paying me welfare. Does that make any sense?" (*The Boston Globe*)

An **Affirmative Action Task Force at Columbia Law School** is filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor alleging discrimination in faculty hiring. The Task Force claims the school has refused to carry out a serious equal opportunity employment program for women and minorities. Since the appointments committee is exclusively white and male, it is impossible to determine whether minority or women candidates are considered and, if so, how seriously.

Nearly every **female construction worker** questioned in a survey by Boston's Wider Opportunities for Women reported that she has experienced on-the-job sexual harassment. Most harassment was verbal, but women also reported being raped by supervisors and endangered by male co-workers who dropped or threw objects on them from above.

El Salvador's **Committee of Mothers of the Disappeared**, set up by women whose children or husbands have been killed by rightist death squads or by the government, has been forced to go underground. A spokesperson said the members had to flee the

country for their lives but continue to work from their places of exile.

**British women**, angry about Britain's role in the arms race, keened outside of Parliament for six hours. Keening is a traditional women's mourning wail coming from deep within the throat and expressing sorrow and anger. "They could close their eyes to us, but not their ears," a spokesperson for the Women's Peace Camp said.

"**I'm on their list now**, and I can tell you I have remained totally faithful to my wife," said one Chilean man after a group of Chilean women experts in karate physically attacked, undressed and interrogated at least ten men suspected of being rapists or adulterers.

Recent headlines proclaiming that **female fertility** drops sharply after 30 "may be the ultimate case of much ado about nothing" according to a letter to the *New York Times* by Betsy Todd, R.N. She warns women not to "quit work and rush to the bedroom to save the family." It takes couples in their upper 30s only 1.8 months longer to conceive, on the average, than couples in their early 20s. Dr. Alice Rothchild said the *New England Journal of Medicine* was "jumping to social conclusions when they suggested women should have their babies in their 20s and save their careers until their 30s."

**Nestle Company**, the world's largest supplier of infant formula, will voluntarily comply with the UN health code aimed at encouraging breast feeding. Nestle has been the target of a five year boycott protesting the firm's aggressive marketing practices which include free formula samples, misleading labels, and salesman contracts with mothers.

National Organization for Women is waging an **ERA blitz** in Illinois and Florida. NOW feels that if the ERA passes in these two states, the political pressure will be so great it will be relatively easy to nail down the third needed for final ratification. If Florida and Illinois do not break the logjam, however, ERA backers see little chance of success.

The **U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee** has passed Utah Senator Orrin Hatch's proposed constitutional amendment enabling individual states to adopt laws banning abortions. If passed by the full Congress the amendment would allow such state laws to prevail over national laws if, and only if, the state law were more restrictive. (*New York Times*)

## Task Force on Tampons

Dear Friends:

Our Collective, along with other consumer groups (including the Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women in San Francisco, the National Women's Health Network, Woman Health International in Washington, DC, and the National Consumers League) is meeting nine times with the major tampon manufacturers (over the next year or so) to work on a set of voluntary standards for the production of tampons. Both performance standards (dealing with the composition, size, design, etc.) and labeling standards are being addressed at these meetings, which are convened by the American Society for the Testing of Materials.

This "Task Force on Tampons" is considering a national poll of women about tampon usage. In addition, the consumer groups are considering a separate survey which would involve distribution of a questionnaire to any interested woman. If you are willing to fill out such a questionnaire, please send us your name and address.

Also, if you have any suggestions about how tampons might be improved, or how they should be labeled, please let us know. It is possible that the consumer groups will be able to influence this standards-setting process such that, in the future, women will be better able to know what they are buying.

Thanks very much for your interest in this.

Sincerely,

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## False Claims on Fees

To the Editor:

In your health issue of March 1982, Karen Schultz, in her article, "A Guide to Finding the Right Therapist," states unequivocally: "psychologists and psychiatrists charge \$55-75 per session." Since she also states that counselors and social workers charge \$20-50 no one but the wealthiest would go to a psychologist or psychiatrist. Interestingly, Karen Schultz is a social worker. These statements are incorrect.

I am a Board certified child and adult psychiatrist, and my fees are \$30-55 per session. I have been serving the feminist and lesbian community for twelve years, and I would hate to see women fearful of calling me because they learned in this article that I charged exorbitant fees. I know many other psychologists and psychiatrists who charge reasonable fees as I do. Even in today's economy, there is no reason for anyone to charge \$75 except greed.

I just want to set the record