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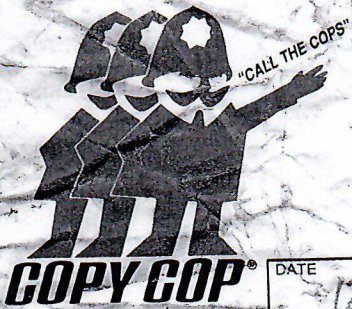
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# ***PROTEST CLINIC VIOLENCE***

***TODAY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31  
4:00 PM  
STATE HOUSE STEPS***

Yesterday, violence devastated our community yet again, this time when an anti-abortion fanatic opened fire on women and men in two local abortion clinics.

Today, we begin the journey from mourning to action.

Join us as we mourn the deaths of Leann and Shannon and hold vigil for the other five shooting victims still fighting for their lives. Stand with us as we call on local, state and federal officials to take this and other forms of violence seriously and act swiftly for women's rights and safety.

For more information and to get involved, call NOW at (617)782-9183.



## First Aid vs. Gun Wounds

- Saline
  - Chemical
  - Ice Packs \* 2
  - Clean ~~brandy~~ to wrap ice pack
  - 2 pack sterile ABD pads (abdominal pad)
  - Tourniquet or Salf
  - Wide tape
  - Tongue blade
  - Mouth shield.
  - Gloves
  - Eye cup
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To: Jonathon McDowell  
From: Susan Yanow

2 pages

January 4, 1994

Dear Friends;

In memory of the most recent victims of clinic violence, Boston pro-choice groups are asking activists across the count join us in the actions listed. Please help us circulate this information.

BROOKLINE CLINIC ATTACKS LATEST - Jan 1  
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Thought people might like a report from the front. 2000 people rallied outside the State House last night to begin organizing a response. I'm including details of forthcoming actions at the bottom of this post for the info of any local readers. Planned Parenthood will be open again on Wednesday, and PreTerm should reopen around the same time. It's important to note that some Brookline area clinics were open yesterday, the day after the murders; local anti-abortion activists were unrepentantly protesting outside Repro Associates (on the same street, between the other two), and while they didn't explicitly condone the murders, they equated them with the pregnancy terminations going on inside, and one as much as implied that we had it coming. They were a bit more subdued than usual though, and volunteer clinic escorts secured the door area (there's a photo in the Sunday NYT) and made sure that patients were getting in without too much harrassment. Everyone was fairly alert, since at that time we didn't know Salvi was in Virginia, but there were only two cops and a security guard, no more than on many other occasions here. By the way, none of us recognize Salvi's face, he's definitely not a regular here, though we're going to go back through our old photos and see if we can place him at any of the old demonstrations. Candles and flowers continue to accumulate at PP and PreTerm. When I got to PreTerm at 3pm on Friday, there was still a car outside with a bullethole in its windscreen - very scary. Richard Seron (the PreTerm security guard) is now out of hospital, the other wounded are still in Beth Israel and the Brigham.

The local response has been amazing, within a few hours of the shootings the first evening's vigil of 1000 people had been organized (people spent long hours on the phones), we lit our candles at PP and walked the two blocks to the synagogue (which has a woman rabbi who seems really wonderful) for a bunch of emotional speeches. Everyone was very much in shock, supporting and hugging each other. Last night's rally was still subdued, but the anger was starting to be more apparent.

There's a community strategy meeting on Wed Jan 4 at 7pm, at Brookline High School (Brookline Hills T Stop, Green Line D; call NOW at 617-782-1056 for details), and pro-choice visibilites outside PP, Repro and PreTerm every Saturday this month from 8 to 10 am. There's also a memorial service for Shannon on Tuesday at 6 pm (?) at Arlington St Church next to the Boston Common (Arlington St Stop, Green Line).

Leanne and Shannon were warm, special people and I can't express the anguish I feel at their deaths. But we can't let terrorists take away our freedom.

Sorry if this post is a bit disorganized, we're all still in shock here.

Peace,

Jonathan McDowell

## BROOKLINE CLINIC ATTACKS - Small Correction

I want to correct a misstatement in my earlier posting. Apparently Salvi \*had\* been observed by the PreTerm security guards over the past few weeks, and has been tied to an OR demo at Planned Parenthood as early as May 14 (he got a parking ticket). I hadn't been to Preterm since late October and don't recall seeing him; he doesn't seem to appear in any of the photos of local protesters that I have, either. So it looks like he's been on the fringes for a while and working himself up to commit the crimes. This makes the local OR's denial of any responsibility all the more laughable - he's been standing there listening to (sorry, listening to) their murderous rhetoric, and just took it to its illogical conclusion.

Now I can't shake the thought from my mind - have I ever looked into this guy's eyes? I've certainly seen some creepy people at the clinic over the past year, and it's hard to remember them all ...

I've been asked to post the addresses for donations. They are:

PreTerm Health Services, 1842 Beacon St, Brookline MA  
Friends of Shannon, Box 348, 238 Harvard St, Brookline MA 02146  
(to raise money for clinic security measures)  
Planned Parenthood, 1032 Beacon St, Brookline MA  
and among other local pro-choice organizations which can always use donations,  
Greater Boston NOW, 971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston MA 02215

- Jonathan

Statement by Socialist Workers Party  
780 Tremont Street, Boston, Ma 02118  
617-247-6772

For Immediate Release Dec. 30, 1994

**MOBILIZE TO DEFEND ABORTION RIGHTS NOW!  
KEEP THE CLINICS OPEN!  
FEDERAL TROOPS TO BOSTON NOW!**

On December 30, an armed man walked into the Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline and shot four people, killing at least one of the staff members. He then walked out of the Planned Parenthood Clinic and ten minutes later walked into the Preterm Clinic and shot another three people. A total of seven people were shot and two are confirmed dead. According to press reports at least one person was a patient at the clinic. The killer is still at large.

This is worst case of abortion clinic violence to date. It follows on the heels of the murder of Dr. John Britton and James Barret by rightist thug, Paul Hill, in Pensacola, Florida, in July of this year.

The demonstration that has been called for December 31 at 4 PM in front of the Massachusetts State House by NOW and other defenders of abortion rights is exactly what must be done to defend abortion rights. We must begin by looking towards ourselves, to mobilize the popular support that exists among women and men to keep abortion safe and legal.

It was through the pressure of a massive social movement that the US Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. And it is through similar mobilizations that we must defend this right. We must demand that this right be defended!

We can not look to the courts, the cops, the congress to protect us. It is in fact the US government that is ultimately to blame for the murders and shootings of abortion providers and patients. It is the federal government that allows states to pass laws restricting the civil rights of women when they become pregnant, that has passed laws restricting access to this right and stands idly by when clinics are bombed and providers and patients are shot.

While the working class, defenders of abortion rights and civil rights are not strong enough to take on the rulers directly, to stop the killings ourselves, we must mobilize to call for the government to keep the clinics open. The federal government does have the power and the labor movement should demand it use it to protect the health of working people and uphold the constitution. Federal troops should be called in to keep the clinics open.

This will not be the first time that workers and others have insisted Washington uphold the law of the land. The successful call for federal troops to help integrate the schools in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957 and here in Boston 17 years later made victories in these struggles possible.

The entire labor movement has a stake in this fight. These are not lone acts of individual terrorism. They are part of the beginnings of a fascist movement whose ultimate target is not women, but the institutions and fighting will of the working class. Affirmative action and abortion rights are not just important for women. They help unify the entire working class.

The labor movement should join with other activists in Boston and elsewhere in defending abortion clinics wherever they come under attack.



# *Speak Out to Defend Abortion Rights!*

*Mobilize Now To Keep The Clinics Open!  
Federal Troops To Stop The Clinic Terrorists!*

Speaking:  
**Margo Storsteen**, member Socialist Workers  
Party and United Transportation Union Local  
898\*  
and other fighters for womens' right to choose

**Saturday,  
Jan. 7,  
7:30 pm**

**Pathfinder Bookstore  
780 Tremont Street**  
corner of Mass. Ave. and Tremont St.  
(Mass. Ave. stop-Orange line - Symphony stop-Green line)  
**Boston, MA 02118**

(617) 247-6772

Donation: \$4.00

**Sponsored by: THE MILITANT Labor Forum**

\*Organization for identification purposes only.

## **Emergency Mobilization Against Racism**

31 Germania Street, Boston, MA 02130

617-522-6626 \* fax 617-983-3836

Contact: Rachel Nasca 522-6626

### RIGHT WING, SEXIST FORCES COMMIT MURDER IN BROOKLINE

We want to condemn in the strongest terms the cowardly brutal murderous attack by the anti-abortion forces on the clinics here in Brookline today. This vicious and calculated series of attacks constitute only the most recent in a national terrorist movement aimed not only at denying women their basic rights to control their bodies but to life itself.

These ugly murders do not take place in a vacuum. The views of the rabidly reactionary so called "Right to Life" forces are shared and encouraged by Gingrich and the new crowd of ultra rightists in congress. The Clinton White House has been marked by an unending series of spineless capitulations to these right wing anti-women forces as well as many anti-women policies at his initiation. Clinton's sexist, racist conduct in the firing of Dr. Elders as in the case of his earlier treatment of Lannie Guenier speaks volumes of his attitude toward women. The Government's unwillingness to pass an Equal Rights Amendment, provide adequate health care, child care, housing or welfare benefits to women continues. Every sexist bill board, T.V. ad, sitcom, and movie reflects and furthers this society's view of women. Clinton's recent deep slashes to social programs of vital need to women and their children sets the climate for criminal acts such as today's murders. The responsibility for these murders rests not only with the "trigger" man but squarely with all those forces behind him!

Last May 7, when the racist Nazi/Klan "Nationalist Movement" appeared at South Boston High School we saw that these same "Right to Life" forces were with them. Their program is a key component of the Nazi's platform. However on that day the Emergency Mobilization Against Racism (EMAR), organized over 700 multi-national protesters - women and men, unionists, unemployed, lesbians, gay men, and transgendered, African-American, Latino, Native, Cape Verdean, Haitian and Irish, Jewish, young and old, students, bikers, clergy and welfare rights leaders joined in a march to South Boston High to confront the tiny handful of racist, anti-choice Nazis. It will be this kind of united movement that will put a stop to sexist violence and the oppression of women.

Now's the time...

*raise your voice for  
reproductive choice!*

Come to a

*community meeting*

to strategize the next steps for our movement.

Roberts Auditorium  
**Brookline High School**  
115 Greenough Street

(Brookline Hills T stop on the green line, D train)

*Wednesday, January 4  
7 to 9 p.m.*

Sponsored by the Reproductive Rights Network (R2N2)  
and the National Organization for Women (NOW)

For more information or to get involved,  
call **R2N2 at 617/738-9479** or **NOW at 617/782-1056**

# **STOP THE VIOLENCE PROTECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGY MEETING**

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Brookline High School, Roberts Auditorium

(Parking on Greenough Street; take Green line D Train to Brookline Hills Stop)

## **MONTH-LONG PRO-CHOICE VISIBILITIES**

1031 Beacon Street, 1297 Beacon Street and 1842 Beacon Street

Every Saturday in January from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

## **ACTION FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IN COMMEMORATION OF ROE V. WADE**

January 22, 1995

Details to be announced

*For more information or to get involved*

*call NOW at (617) 782-1056.*

**"WE WON'T GO BACK!" ACTIONS  
TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
APRIL 7-9  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**RALLY AGAINST VIOLENCE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

This massive rally will give unprecedented visibility to the broad-based commitment to ending violence against women. The rally will give voice to survivors of violence and galvanize young feminists and seasoned activists working to eradicate violence. The rally, combined with a viewing of The Clothesline Project, will send a powerful message to public officials everywhere and inspire individuals to take action toward ending the violence NOW.

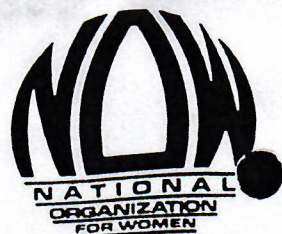
**YOUNG FEMINIST SUMMIT  
APRIL 7-8**

This summit will bring together young feminists across the traditional dividing lines of race, class, religion, physical ability or sexual orientation. Discussions will feature concrete strategies for stopping the violence, providing the information and tools needed to empower young women to stand up to violence.

**THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT  
APRIL 8-9**

The Clothesline Project is a very moving tribute to the women who have been killed, have suffered battery, sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse or been attacked because they are lesbians. It is similar to the AIDS quilt in the power of the display and the emotion it conveys. It is a length of clothesline that stretches on and on to hold thousands of shirts, each individually made by a survivor or a friend of a survivor.

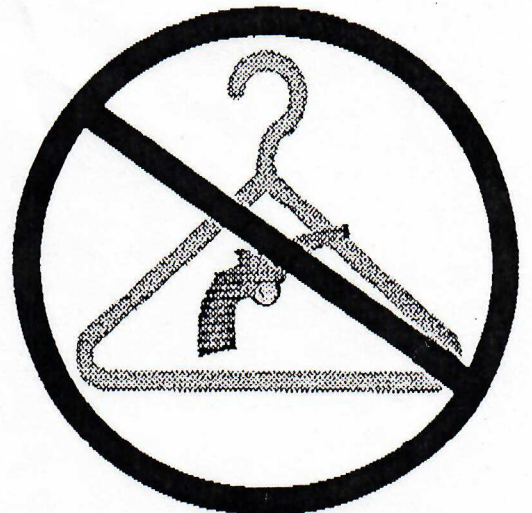
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PARTICIPATION, CALL THE NOW OFFICE  
AT 617/782-1056 OR 782-9183.**



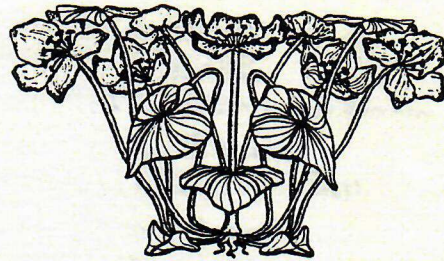
# Raise Your Voice for Reproductive Choice!

## Here's What You Can Do...

1. **Call your doctor.** Ask him/her if they perform abortions. If not, ask why not, and consider finding another practitioner. If she/he does perform abortions, thank them and ask how you can support them.
2. **Call your local hospital.** Ask if they perform abortions. If not, ask why not, and organize to pressure them to add this vital service.
3. **Call the media and politicians.** Ask them to speak out on the connections between anti-choice rhetoric and the violence in Brookline. State your perspective that this is not the act of an individual acting alone, but of a person supported by a widespread movement that advocates terrorism as a tactic to stop abortions.
4. **Attend pro-choice visibility actions.**
5. **Organize a pro-choice visibility in your community.**
6. **Join a pro-choice group:**  
*The Abortion Access Project (617)738-9479*
7. **Form a small group** that organizes "zap" actions.
8. **Speak up for women on welfare, national health care, accessible child care, sexual freedom for all people, and an end to racism, violence against women, and attacks on immigrants.**
9. **Be visible with your pro-choice sentiments.** Put a bumpersticker on your car, wear a pro-choice button, talk about the women you know - your self, your sisters, your mothers, your friends - who have had an abortion. We are the majority, and we can stop the violence!
10. **Encourage your friends and family to get involved by joining you in one or more of these actions.**
11. **Other ideas?**



R2N2 - Box 686 - Boston, MA 02130 - (617)738-9479



# *Leanne Nichols*

*October 27, 1956 - December 30, 1994*

*A Memorial Service  
to  
Honor & Celebrate  
The Life of Leanne Nichols  
Our Friend, Colleague & Loved-One*



*Saturday  
March 11, 1995  
4 p.m.  
The Founder's Room  
Dine Manor College  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts*

*The Rev. Anne C. Fowler, Officiating*

Service

*Improvisational Meditation - Lydia Bussler*

*Hymn & Prayer*

*Mozart Duet for Horns - Lydia Bussler & Laurance Mahady*

*Remembrances*

*Music - Edward Broms*

*Homily*

*Kaddish - Jonah & Manya*

*"Amazing Grace" - Edward Broms & Congregation*

Reception

*The Montclair Room*



*We are sisters  
when we communicate with the warmth  
of a word and a smile.*

*We are sisters  
when we share the bitterness of tears  
the crystal joy of merriment.*

*We are sisters  
when one of us is gone  
and all of us are desolate*

*May those we honor with our prayers  
live on in our memories  
and our lives.*

Covenant of the Heart

*Prayers, Poems & Meditations*





You are Cordially Invited to Attend a  
Memorial Service & Celebration  
of the Life of



LEANNE NICHOLS  
October 27, 1956 - December 30, 1994



Saturday Afternoon  
March 11, 1995  
4 p.m.  
in the  
The Founder's Room of  
The Ferry Administrative Building

Pine Manor College  
400 Heath Street  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Refreshments will follow upstairs in The Montcrief Room

R.S.V.P. :  
Preterm Health Services  
617-738-6405, ext. 3026



This service is by invitation only, and is not open to the general public.  
Please be assured that security will be provided.

Directions to  
Pine Manor College  
400 Heath Street  
Chestnut Hill, MA  
617-731-7000

Pine Manor College is located just off Rte. 9, close to the Chestnut Hill Mall.

Coming from Preterm on Beacon Street

Follow Beacon Street straight through Cleveland Circle.

Drive past the reservoir and past Boston College.

Take a left on Hammond Street.

Follow Hammond Street until it intersects with Rte. 9

Go straight through the lights at Rte. 9 and take first left on Heath Street  
(this is a very short block).

Heath Street will wind around for about 3/4 mi., the main entrance to  
Pine Manor College is well marked on the right.

Drive into the college and ask for the Ferry Administrative Building.

Plenty of free parking near the building.

Coming from Rte. 128

Get off at Rte. 9 East Exit. Drive through Newton and into Chestnut Hill.

Pass the Atrium (on the right) and both sections of the Chestnut Hill Mall (on the left).

Take a right at the Hammond Street lights.

Take your first left on Heath Street and follow directions as above.

**STOP  
Clinic Violence!**

**DEFEND  
ABORTION  
RIGHTS!**

On December 30, 1994, an anti-abortion fanatic opened fire at two women's health clinics in Brookline, Massachusetts, killing two women and wounding five other people. His violence, and the violence of those who support him (in the name of hateful righteousness) has brought fear, anger...and a commitment to action to the pro-choice community in Massachusetts and throughout this country.

## **RALLY FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND WOMEN'S SAFETY**

Join **Patricia Ireland,**

President of the National Organization for Women

Invited local leaders include: Dr. Ken Edelin, Deidhra Butler-Henderson, Meizhu Lui, Antoinette Riley, and many others.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

**1 PM: Gather at the Boylston T Stop,**  
at the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets, downtown Boston

**2 PM: Rally at the Arlington St. Church,**  
at the corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets.

**Be there.** January 22 marks the twenty-second anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark **Roe v. Wade** decision, recognizing a woman's right to abortion. Twenty-two years ago, we won this right – and we are still fighting to be able to exercise it without threats to our lives.

**Mark your calendars.** Tell this state and the federal government that **WE WON'T GO BACK.** Join women's rights supporters from across the country in Washington, D.C on April 9, 1995 for a national demonstration calling for an end to violence and federal protection for our rights.

**Raise your voice.** At these events and at others. Get involved in NOW's work for women's rights and women's safety.

To get more information or to get involved, call the NOW office: 617-782-1056  
or our hotline for up-to-date information: 617-782-4059.  
The NOW office can now be contacted via the Internet at: [massnow@world.std.com](mailto:massnow@world.std.com)





## **PRO-CHOICE MEN RESPOND TO CLINIC MURDERS**

12/31/94 -- **Men must waste no time condemning the violence that occurred yesterday** at two women's clinics in Brookline. More importantly, men must waste no more time before joining the women who are leading the fight against all forms of male violence against women.

**Abortion is, of course, primarily a women's issue. But it is also an issue that profoundly affects countless men,** both directly and through the experiences of the women in our lives. No man who respects women's integrity and equality can claim not to care about the degree to which our mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, lovers and friends can control their own bodies.

But there is another reason why pro-choice men need to be more actively involved in supporting women's access to the full range of reproductive health services.

**As this grim story unfolded yesterday, one fact was surprising to no one--the perpetrator was a man.** This underscores the need for men who care about and support women's equality to condemn this act in the strongest possible terms.

Make no mistake about it, this act was yet another attempt by a man to control women's bodies through violence. **This should be totally unacceptable to all men.**

As pro-choice men, we in particular cannot be passive in our support of women's fundamental rights. **It is time for men who believe in equality and social justice to stand up, speak out and work to make sure this never happens again.**

(Real Men is an anti-sexist men's organization founded in Boston in 1988, and is a member of the Mass. Coalition for Choice.)

For more information on what men can do, contact:

Real Men, P.O. Box 1769, Brookline, MA 02146

Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

*In Memory of  
Shannon Lowney  
1969–1994*

Opening Words	Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie
Family Tribute	
PPLM Tribute	Nicki Nichols Gamble Alice Verhoeven Kate McNichols Amy Solomon Shona Simkins
Anthem	Dick Greenfield, French Horn Jane Ring Frank, Piano
Reading: "Dirge Without Music" by Edna St. Vincent Millay	Kathleen Turner
Remarks	Pamela Maraldo
Benediction	Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie

*Special thanks to the Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist  
Kim Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister  
Daniel W. Krueger, Worship Coordinator  
Rodger Vine, Organist  
George G. Whitehouse, Bell Ringer*

The Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts has established a fund in memory of Shannon Lowney. The fund will be used to further the cause of reproductive freedom and to ensure access to reproductive health care for all women.

Contributions can be mailed to Shawmut Bank, P.O. Box 2176, Boston, MA 02211.

### **Helping on an Individual Basis**

Preterm mostly needs individual help, not organized activities. Here's a sample of what you could do on your own:

- Distribute fliers for Preterm's Fund for Safe Passage, a fund specifically for security costs
- Help in their office: filing, answering phones, entering work on WordPerfect 5.1 or 6.0 or on Q & A software
- Do you have contacts with printers who could give Preterm a good price or a donation on print jobs? The clinic is soliciting funds with mailings.
- Help in grant writing
- Bring cookies, soup

Bring cookies? Yes, this simple act of thoughtfulness shows clinic staff that people care about them. Julie Goldman, an Area Team member, asked a Preterm receptionist if her homemade cookies would have to undergo a safety check. The woman looked at Julie with huge eyes and asked incredulously, "You want to make us cookies?"

### **Signing Up to Volunteer**

Call Caroline, the Preterm Volunteer Coordinator at 738-6405 ext. 3018. It's best to call about two days before you want to come in. The clinic is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

### **Painting Party Coming**

Bullet holes still mar Preterm's walls. We're going to fix that. We will get paint, rollers, etc. donated, in addition to doing the actual painting. Stay tuned for more information.

# PROTECTING SAFE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Join us at the **1995 Mass Choice Annual Meeting**

Thursday, March 23, 1995  
6:00 - 9:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Association  
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA  
(Next to the State House)

Special Guest Speakers:  
**NARAL National Board President Melonease Shaw**  
&  
**State Representative David Cohen** (*D-Brookline*)

Twenty-two years after the U.S. Supreme Court gave women the right to make the difficult decision about abortion, access to safe abortion is in serious jeopardy. With militant opponents of choice out of control on street corners all over the nation, often culminating in scenes of tragic violence like those experienced recently in Massachusetts, and with anti-choice politicians holding greater power in this country, reproductive choice is in danger of becoming a right in name only for millions of American women. The fight to maintain a woman's right to choose will no doubt intensify this year.

Please join Mass Choice as we discuss our expanded agenda. We will also present details of our campaign to protect access to reproductive health services, to achieve a pro-choice majority in the State House of Representatives, and to stop the radical right in school committee races. **Voting members will elect the new slate of Board of Directors.**

To register for the Annual Meeting and for more details,  
please call the office at **(617) 556-8800**.  
We look forward to seeing you.



# Rally for abortion rights April 9

The April 9 rally in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Organization for Women and backed by scores of national organizations and prominent individuals, is an opportunity to mobilize supporters of women's rights and stand up against recent attacks on abortion clinics. The rally will highlight four demands: Stop all violence against women, stop antiabortion violence, stop the war on poor women, and stop the Contract on America.

After the murders of two clinic workers in the Boston area, demonstrations and speak-outs were organized there and across the country that helped to further divide antiabortion forces and isolate rightist groups who employ violence to deny women a right to choose. Majority support for abortion rights among all sectors of society continues to be the reality in spite of the best efforts of many politicians and rightist forces. Even the Republican Party is shaken up over the issue, as some of its members recently staged a rebellion over a bill to cut federal funding for some abortions.

Actions like April 9, where supporters of abortion rights mobilize in the streets, are the most effective way to drive back the unceasing attempts to deny women their rights. The battle to defend the clinics and to keep abortion safe and legal is far from over, as can be seen from the recent arson attacks on five California clinics and the attempt by a landlord in Long Island, New York, to evict an abortion clinic because of threats from antiabortion protesters.

Now is the time, when those — in and out of government — who would deny women the right to control their own bodies are more divided than ever, for supporters of women's rights to take every opportunity to mobilize against them. The April 9 national mobilization in Washington, D.C., can be a part of continuing to draw together those who want to stand up and fight these assaults.

In many areas plans are being made to get people to the march. Students from college campuses, especially, will be there in some numbers. As well, important activities leading up to the march are being planned that supporters of abortion rights should promote. At Hampshire College in Massachusetts a conference on reproductive rights is planned for March 3-April 2, and a Young Feminist Summit will take place in Washington, D.C., in the days preceding the march.

Joining in on these kinds of activities, and working with others interested in building the march in the next two weeks can help boost participation and make April 9 a more effective countermobilization against the forces who are determined to return women to the back alleys for abortions. It will be well worth the effort to get as big a turnout as possible.

We urge our readers to make plans to be in Washington, D.C., on April 9. Few demonstrations are being organized to counter the bipartisan assault against working people today, this one deserves the support of the labor movement and all women's rights backers.

The Militant Labor Forum is a weekly free-speech meeting for workers, farmers, youth, and others. All those seeking to advance the fight against injustice and exploitation are welcome to attend and participate in these discussions on issues of importance to working people. The meetings are sponsored by supporters of *The Militant* newspaper, a socialist newsweekly published in the interests of working people.



I would like to be on the Militant Labor Forum mailing list

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# DEFEND ABORTION RIGHTS STOP CLINIC VIOLENCE!

NOW and other pro-choice organizations are committed to maintaining women's rights to reproductive freedom including safe access to clinics providing reproductive health services. After the recent tragedies in Brookline, anti-choice activists have increased their menacing presence in front of the clinics--once again creating a climate of intimidation and violence targeted at women seeking abortion services and those who provide them.

**We must continue to show our support and maintain a presence for women trying to exercise their legal rights to health care without fearing a violent confrontation.**

## Tuesday, April 4th: Pre-Trial Hearing

The pre-trial hearing is the next step in the legal case against Charles Swain, long-time abortion foe, who was arrested and charged with attacking a pro-choice activist on March 11, 1995 outside a Brookline health clinic. Only after public pressure at the scene was the defendant arrested for assault and battery. A pro-choice presence at the trial will keep the pressure on to ensure that the District Attorney fully investigate and prosecute this case.

**Call the NOW office for further details.**

## Saturday, April 8th: Support of Women at Area Clinics

**Time: 7:00 a.m.**

**Place: 1031 Beacon Street, Brookline**

Join pro-choice supporters to ensure that women continue to have access to abortion services and to make clear that we will not let the anti-abortion terrorism of fanatics like John Salvi and others deny women our rights.

**This will be a continuing event, taking place the second Saturday of every month, beginning April 8th.**

(All clinics are easily accessible via the "C" Branch of the Green Line)

## Tuesday, April 11th: Reproductive Rights Task Force Meeting

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: NOW Office, 971 Commonwealth Ave., Boston**

Get involved with NOW's actions to ensure comprehensive reproductive freedom for all women. Work on political, educational, legislative and electoral campaigns to protect a women's right to a safe, legal, and funded abortion, to support condom distribution and sexuality education in public schools and to provide women with the resources they need to ensure the welfare of themselves and their children.

## Join NOW's Reproductive Rights Phone Alert System!

We are activating a phone-alert system to call activists in case of clinic blockades, large anti-abortion demonstrations, and emergency legislative actions. We need you !!

**Please call to have your name placed on the phone tree.**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER NOW EVENTS...

Call the NOW office at (617) 782-1056

Call the NOW Hotline at (617) 782-4059

NOW can be reached via the Internet at [massnow@world.std.com](mailto:massnow@world.std.com)

Visit NOW's Home Page for action updates: WWW: <http://www.tiac.net/users/rainbow/now.html>

(NOW is accessible via the "B" Branch of the Green Line, Pleasant Street stop, and the "57" bus line.)

*NOW's presence in front of local women's clinics is a show of support for women accessing the health clinics.  
We will be taking this message to Washington, D.C. at the Rally for Women's Lives on April 9, 1995.*

Now's the time...

*raise your voice for  
reproductive choice!*

Come to a

*community meeting*

to strategize the next steps for our movement.

Roberts Auditorium  
**Brookline High School**  
115 Greenough Street

(Brookline Hills T stop on the green line, D train)

*Wednesday, January 4*  
*7 to 9 p.m.*

Sponsored by the Reproductive Rights Network (R2N2)  
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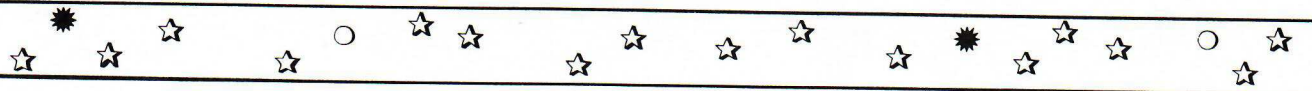
Dear Jonathan,

Last night my husband Dick, an advisory engineer at IBM Endicott, brought me home "Jonathan's Space Report" No 225. You are a busy man! And I'm very glad to make your acquaintance.

The Electronic Newsstands foxed me your subscription request. I'm sending the last two issues, plus a few extra to pass around. I could really use more subscriptions.

I'll keep in close touch. I would like to interview you for the February issue. We don't have to use your name. I know you will be another great "rest stop" on the information highway.

With hopes for peace,  
Anne Bower, editor



## Preterm Health Services

1842 Beacon Street ☆ Brookline MA 02146

On December 30, 1994, the quiet care of Preterm's patients was shattered by an armed attack. Our much-loved receptionist, Leanne Nichols, lay dead and two other dedicated staff were seriously wounded. Thankfully, our injured staff members are now recovering. Courageously, both will return to Preterm as soon as they are able.

Outside our doors, voices on both sides of the debate over choice swirl around us. But inside Preterm, we must provide a calm atmosphere that is as free of concerns about personal safety as possible. The newly-established **Preterm Fund for Safe Passage** will contribute to the peace of mind of all women and men who rely upon us. It will also allow our staff to resume their important work, secure in the knowledge that we are doing all we can to protect their safety.

The **Preterm Fund for Safe Passage** will be used *exclusively* to pay for adaptations to our current security plan. Donations to the fund will pay for additional security personnel, new equipment, and construction costs associated with security at Preterm. The fund will pay for enhancements which must be in place now, and which must be maintained in the future.

We know it was only weeks ago when we asked you to contribute to our Annual Appeal, and we've been heartened by many who have doubled their gifts in the wake of this tragic event. If you have not yet made a donation, we implore you to do so today. If your response to our Annual Appeal was sent before the events of December 30th, please accept our thanks. However, due to



Friday, December 30th, 1994 marked a day  
that the nation will long remember.  
Our colleagues, our friends, people we love  
were killed and wounded  
while working to insure safe access  
to reproductive health services for all women.

So many people have asked what they could do help.  
In response, and out of our very real need,  
Preterm has established the

## **PRETERM FUND FOR SAFE PASSAGE**

Charitable donations are needed to help provide safe, secure access  
to reproductive health services for all women who come to Preterm,  
and for the staff who care for them.

Checks should be mailed to the:

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**Preterm Health Services**  
**1842 Beacon Street**  
**Brookline, MA 02146**

Preterm Health Services is a non-profit reproductive health service.  
We opened our doors over 20 years ago, and are the oldest, most-respected  
reproductive health clinic in New England.

We were born out of our founders' fervently-held commitment  
to upholding women's right to choose.

We are dedicated to carrying on that mission today,  
even as we mourn the murder and injuries to  
our co-workers. Your gifts will help see to it that  
the deaths of our colleagues have not been in vain.

For more information please call  
(617) 738-6405, ext. 3026.

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Emergency Protest Against Anti-Abortion Murders in Massachusetts!

5 PM Today, Dec. 30, 1994, Market & Powell St., San Francisco

>>>>Please let as many people as possible know about this. Since  
time is so short, every single person you can tell will make a  
difference. For more information, you can contact:<<<<

Claudette Begin, NOW, 510-489-8554

Andrea Haas, Planned Parenthood, 415-441-7858

Barbara Ellis, CARAL, 510-526-1914

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December 30, 1994

The San Francisco Area Pro-Choice Coalition called a press  
conference and protest for 5:00 p.m. today at Market and Powell  
Streets in San Francisco to respond to the murder and attacks  
against clinic staffers and volunteers in Brookline, Mass. this  
morning.

"We are outraged by these terrorist attacks! This clearly fits  
the pattern of the violent campaign targeting women and health  
care workers. We demand the federal government take immediate and  
effective action!"

We warn these anti-women criminals that their attempt to terrify  
us against exercising our basic right of making our own choices  
about our bodies will not work. We are not terrified! We are  
angry! We will continue to exercise our rights and defend those  
who help us exercise those rights! We call on all supporters of  
the right to choose to demand that the US Government put a stop to  
this terror campaign against women! We urge everyone to call US  
Attorney General Janet Reno.

The San Francisco Area Pro-Choice Coalition includes all the major  
pro-choice organizations in the Bay Area and organized  
demonstrations of 50,000 in 1989 and 75,000 in 1992.

# REAL MEN

## ENDING MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

REAL MEN ♂ P.O. BOX 1769 ♂ BROOKLINE MA 02146

Winter 1995

### UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL US AT 617-422-1650 FOR A  
RECORDING OF UPCOMING EVENTS, OR  
TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION



- 2. 14 REAL MEN Meeting. Leave a message for details.  
Witness to Violence Collaborative Public Artwork,  
State House, Boston, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 2. 28 PRO-CHOICE Lobby Day, State House, Boston,  
2:00pm, organized by MASS CHOICE, 556-8800.
- 2. 8 Witness to Violence Collaborative Public Artwork,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2. 13 REAL MEN Meeting at "Images of Manhood and  
Violence in the Media" Presentation, Newburyport.

## PRO-CHOICE MEN RESPOND TO CLINIC MURDERS

(a version of which appeared in the Boston Globe, 01/01/95)

Men must waste no time condemning the violence that occurred Friday, December 30 at the women's clinics in Brookline. More importantly, men must waste no more time before joining the women who are leading the fight against all forms of male violence against women.

Abortion is an issue that profoundly affects countless men, both directly and through the experiences of the women in our lives. No man who respects women's integrity and equality can claim not to care about the degree to which our mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, lovers, and friends can control their own bodies.

But there is another reason why pro-choice men need to be more actively involved in supporting women's access to the full range of reproductive health services.

As this grim story unfolded December 30, one fact was surprising to no one -- the perpetrator was a man. This underscores the need for men who care about and support women's equality to condemn this act in the strongest possible terms.

Make no mistake about it, this act was yet another attempt by a man to control women's bodies through violence. This should be totally unacceptable to all men.

As pro-choice men, we in particular cannot be passive in our support of women's fundamental rights. It is time for men who believe in equality and social justice to stand up, speak out and work to make sure this never happens again.

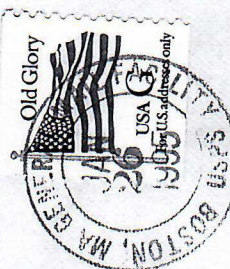
### REAL PLAN: Anti-Sexist Conference for Men

REAL MEN is organizing an action-oriented conference on ways men can work to end sexism and violence against women. The May conference will include workshops and presentations by both women and men from the pro-choice, anti-rape and battering communities.

Our purpose is to help men stand up against sexism and male violence against women. Our focus will be men who work in the progressive non-profit community and how they can support the women's movement through their work and personal lives.

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## out REAL MEN

REAL MEN is a pro-feminist organization, founded in Boston in 1981. We are a group of educators and activists working to encourage men to work against sexism and all forms of violence against women. We are an anti-sexist, anti-racist, gay/bi-affirmative grassroots organization which seeks an end to all of our root inequities — particularly homophobia. We invite you to join us as we work to educate, speak, and act. We are speakers, conduct educational presentations at high schools and colleges, host forums, hold fundraisers for shelters, produce and distribute literature, organize public events, and, perhaps most importantly, work in coalition with the women's organizations that are in the forefront of the struggle. REAL MEN, P.O. Box 100, Boston, MA 02114, Tel: 617-552-1111, Fax: 617-254-8088.

### How to Use Our Phone Line

We have initiated a new voice mail service this month, allowing our members to leave and retrieve messages 24 hours per day. Anyone is welcome to call our new line at 422-1650 for an introduction to REAL MEN and information on upcoming events. Messages are left regularly, so leave your name and number for more details on the next time you call. Educators are invited to request a copy of one of our presentations on the role of men in ending rape, battering and other forms of men's violence from our college or high school. If you are interested in being added to our mailing list for this year, please leave us a message with your name, address, city and

## Witness to Violence Exhibit Coming to Boston Feb. 14

### REAL MEN Recruiting Men to Participate

REAL MEN, Battered Women Fighting Back!, and over a dozen other anti-violence organizations are coming together to participate in the *Witness to Violence* exhibit at the State House on Tuesday, February 14 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Men are encouraged to join us in taking part in this collaborative public artwork to call attention to the growing incidence of men's violence against women.

*Witness to Violence* is the collaborative creation of a painting in a series of locations throughout the country during the year of 1995. These events focus on public and personal awareness on the prevalence of men's violence against women and mobilizes thousands of men and women to demand an end to that violence.

On a large stretched canvas under the words "Number of Women Battered in 1995" is the tally of the number of women battered in the year to date. This number will be updated every fifteen seconds (the rate of battering in this country) by REAL MEN members and other men who wish to express their outrage at the level of violence against women in this country. Their participation is a public outcry to members of their own sex against the magnitude of this violence and a personal commitment to work to end it. During this time women survivors of violence are invited to sign their names on the canvas. Their public witness is a statement of empowerment and a demand from tens of thousands of women that the violence must end. Friends and family of women killed by their batterers are invited to write the names of the victims in red on the

canvas (other names will be in black) both to honor those women and to demand that no more women die at the hands of their abusers.

*Witness to Violence* is best described as a collaborative, conceptual performance piece which focuses on a compelling social issue. An estimated two to three million American women are battered or assaulted each year. This project is unique and powerful in giving a face — many faces — to the women who have survived battering.

Conceptually, the piece juxtaposes the occurrences of events in the past and at the present time. At the very moment a man updates the battered women tally, a woman is being beaten. When a woman signs her name on the canvas she is bearing witness to an event in her past.

*Witness to Violence* was created by artist Robert Markey in collaboration with organizations around the country working to end men's violence against women.



(Photo Morris J. Kennedy) Ashfield artist Robert Markey watches visitors react to and participate in his *Witness to Violence* exhibit during its January 2nd opening in Greenfield.

### HELP!

If you have time and interest, REAL MEN will gladly welcome your participation as an artist — attending meetings, planning actions, writing letters to newspapers, etc. Another way to support our anti-sexist work is to write a check. Some of us have money to give, some of us have time, some of us have a little of both. We hope there are many men who support our work, but we realize not everyone has the time or inclination to stand outside distributing leaflets on a freezing Super Bowl Sunday. An envelope is enclosed. Please send \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, and make the check payable to REAL MEN. Thank you.

**YOUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE IS IN GRAVE DANGER. FIGHT BACK!**

The Boston area pro-choice community has just observed the first anniversary of the Brookline clinic assassinations and woundings with a rally and memorial service on Dec. 30, 1995. The twenty-third anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* is fast approaching. Pro-choice people must continue to be visible and speak out, to bear witness to the justice of our cause.

**DATES/PLACES TO NOTE:**

**SUNDAY JAN. 21:** Anti-choice activists will meet at John Hancock Hall 1-3 pm for the Massachusetts Citizens For Life "Interfaith Assembly for Life." This event has become an annual kick-off for the "March for Life" in Washington D.C. (on Monday Jan. 22). The featured speaker is anti-sex-education, anti-feminist Molly Kelly. Should this right-wing political rally, this vicious, morally depraved attack on women's lives hiding behind the mask of religion go unopposed? Act according to your conscience. If you come there to protest (entrance is just off Copley Square, on Trinity Place, a small street that runs from St. James Ave to Stuart Street in the block between Dartmouth and Clarendon) you will not find yourself alone.

**MONDAY JAN. 22:** Join pro-choice activists at 4:30 pm at the Park Street T to rally and march to 25 Beacon Street (next to the State House), where the Massachusetts Coalition for Choice will host a gathering to commemorate *Roe v. Wade* at 5:30 pm. If you can, bring something visibly pro-choice to display or wear. (Some signs and banners will be available on site.)

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FEBRUARY 5:** Salvi trial scheduled to begin in Dedham.

**MARCH 9:** Combine commemoration of the death of Dr. David Gunn with International Women's Day.

**GET INVOLVED! FIGHT BACK! RESIST! ACT! ORGANIZE!** The civil war being waged on women is only one clause in the contract on America. Right-wing hate groups from the Christian Coalition to the KKK are extremely well-organized, well-funded, and are constantly forming new alliances. Anti-abortion rhetoric and activities provide them with common ground and a cloak of respectability for their terrorist agenda. The only way to defeat the right-wing and its increasingly murderous attacks on women seeking to exercise their right to choose, on their companions, on health care workers and facilities providing abortions is by taking responsibility for defending the right to choose. We must mount an all-out offensive, a coordinated, nation-wide program of political action. Our very lives are on the line.

**"WE WON'T GO BACK!" ACTIONS  
TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
APRIL 7-9  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**RALLY AGAINST VIOLENCE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

This massive rally will give unprecedented visibility to the broad-based commitment to ending violence against women. The rally will give voice to survivors of violence and galvanize young feminists and seasoned activists working to eradicate violence. The rally, combined with a viewing of The Clothesline Project, will send a powerful message to public officials everywhere and inspire individuals to take action toward ending the violence NOW.

**YOUNG FEMINIST SUMMIT  
APRIL 7-8**

This summit will bring together young feminists across the traditional dividing lines of race, class, religion, physical ability or sexual orientation. Discussions will feature concrete strategies for stopping the violence, providing the information and tools needed to empower young women to stand up to violence.

**THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT  
APRIL 8-9**

The Clothesline Project is a very moving tribute to the women who have been killed, have suffered battery, sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse or been attacked because they are lesbians. It is similar to the AIDS quilt in the power of the display and the emotion it conveys. It is a length of clothesline that stretches on and on to hold thousands of shirts, each individually made by a survivor or a friend of a survivor.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GET  
INVOLVED IN MOBILIZING LOCAL  
PARTICIPATION, CALL THE NOW OFFICE  
AT 617/782-1056 OR 782-9183.***



## **Brookline Clinic Access Team (BCAT) testimony on Clinic Buffer Zone Bill (S148)**

We are here to testify about the views of our organization, the Brookline Clinic Access Team, regarding Senate #148, the buffer zone bill. We would like to thank the members of this committee for allowing us to voice our concerns.

BCAT is a group of volunteer escorts, unaffiliated with any clinic or other pro-choice organization. We are individual volunteers, pro-choice women and men who come to clinics in Brookline to help provide safe, unimpeded clinic access for women attempting to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to choose. Our goal every week is to provide access to clinics for patients who face harassment, bullying and threats from demonstrators against abortion rights; our ultimate goal is to put ourselves out of business with the comfort that these tactics will not be tolerated.

We applaud the motivation of the bill before this committee, and support the idea of a buffer zone. We are concerned, however, that the current bill is far too vague to protect the rights of women seeking clinic access, and that it may infringe upon legitimate civil liberties. The bill also places both the burden and responsibility of enforcement on local police, which is for us a special concern.

We have often been helped by the Brookline Police Force, but they cannot be available to police every infraction of the law. A statewide injunction forbids Operation Rescue, its agents, and specific anti-choice individuals from impeding clinic access. The injunction has had a significant effect: the protestors no longer sit or lie down in front of the clinic door, but rather stand while shouting to (or at) the patients inside. We have witnessed many of those specifically named people with their faces at the glass of the clinic door, effectively blocking access. Though they still block the door, the demonstrators now strive to avoid arrest where they used to seek it. They impede access for a short while and then move away. The police understandably cannot spend all of its effort in a cat and mouse game with anti-choice demonstrators.

Those protestors who harass patients do not wait until a patient is at the clinic door; they approach women as soon as possible. Protestors begin their harangue when women are parking, and continue as long as a woman is walking in the area of the clinic, whether on her way to the Post Office or adjacent businesses. One woman who works in the area is harassed every time she walks down the sidewalk. Protestors illegally attach grotesque posters to public wastebaskets, light posts, and parking meters. These anti-choice protestors are already violating both the law and the specific injunctions.

If the bill is passed in its current form, with no distinction between those breaking the law and those who are volunteering to help women exercise their rights, we are concerned that the law may actually impede, rather than protect, safe clinic access. If the bill passes, we will work with local authorities to ensure that the law is enforced.

We do not believe, however, that the protestors who are skillfully violating the existing law would have any more regard for a new law. As unaffiliated volunteer escorts, we do not want to leave patients unprotected while others break the law, nor do we want to risk violating the law while protecting the rights of patients. We recognize that the police cannot be there to catch every lawbreaker, but we know from experience that the protestors will continue to hone their skills at successfully violating the law.

We are also concerned about the effect of this bill on civil liberties – not every anti-choice demonstrator harasses patients. Some demonstrators pray peacefully outside the clinic, or respect the rights of women who refuse the pamphlets, rosaries, and pictures being proffered. It is hard to imagine that such activities should be illegal simply by their proximity to a clinic.

We, the members of the Brookline Clinic Access Team, would support this bill in an amended form. We urge that the bill be amended to apply only to those individuals and groups who are enjoined against blocking access to clinics, now and in the future. While those named protestors no longer lie down in front of clinics every week, their tactics very much aim to impede clinic access; it seems right and just to prevent them from blocking access by other means. Without such an amendment, the Buffer Zone Law may serve as a public relations victory that backfires on the street. Without such an amendment, law abiding clinic escorts may be subject to arrest for their voluntary service to the women of Massachusetts. Without such an amendment, the civil liberties of Massachusetts's citizens may be compromised, while the harassment tactics of Operation Rescue members will continue.

We urge you to support a woman's safe access to health care by supporting the BCAT proposal.

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CHOICE-MAIL

This is an urgent call for help from Pensacola --

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 From: IN%"LFussell@aol.com"  
 Subj: Law Enforcement Zones, Pensacola

We need your help here in Pensacola. Our law enforcement zones, which established an 8 ft. "buffer" around our clinics in January are in danger of not being recommended for renewal by the City Manager, Ed Hinkle. While the zones have not kept the protestors away, it has limited their proximity to clients. The zones have re-established a sense of security for staff, clients and escorts. The federal marshalls that had been at the clinic have been pulled and so the level of protection available is not as high as before.

A coalition of people representing various groups are working in a variety of ways to try to get Mr. Hinkle to recommend to keep the zones. This is where you come in. I will include the FAX and phone number of the City Manager and City Council members. If those people who follow the Choice network will follow up and let our city council know that the zones should be renewed, that the rest of the country is watching Pensacola and supports the efforts that have been made towards non violence at our clinics, we would be appreciative. It will be 1 year since the murders of James Barrett and Dr. Britton on July 29. The city council will vote on this issue in a special session on Monday, July 24 at 5 pm. Any letters, phone calls, FAXS you can send will be welcome.

Thanks for helping. Linda Fussell

Letters can be sent to: PO Box 12910  
 Pensacola, FL 32521

Phone calls 904-435-1603  
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 If you send a FAX please CC to the City Council Members  
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*Come Celebrate Spring  
&  
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*at our  
Springtime Volunteer Brunch*

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*FRIDAY  
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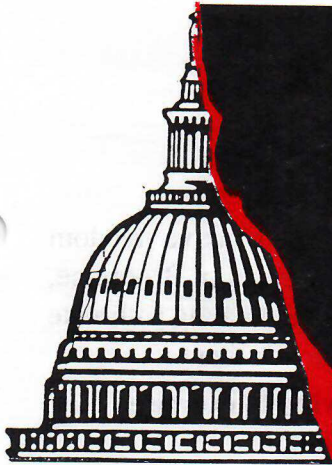
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*All Staff, Volunteers & Physicians are  
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**STOP ANTI-ABORTION VIOLENCE • STOP THE WAR ON POOR WOMEN  
STOP THE CONTRACT ON AMERICA • STOP ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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**STOP  
Clinic Violence!**

**DEFEND  
ABORTION  
RIGHTS!**

On December 30, 1994, an anti-abortion fanatic opened fire at two women's health clinics in Brookline, Massachusetts, killing two women and wounding five other people. His violence, and the violence of those who support him (in the name of hateful righteousness) has brought fear, anger...and a commitment to action to the pro-choice community in Massachusetts and throughout this country.

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**1 PM: Gather at the Boylston T Stop,**  
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**Be there.** January 22 marks the twenty-second anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark **Roe v. Wade** decision, recognizing a woman's right to abortion. Twenty-two years ago, we won this right – and we are still fighting to be able to exercise it without threats to our lives.

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On December 30, two were killed and five wounded at the Planned Parenthood and Preterm clinics in Brookline. This is the worst case of abortion clinic violence to date. A broad-ranging debate has developed around how best to respond to these attacks and defend a woman's right to choose. Come and participate in a discussion about strategies to mobilize an effective defense of women's basic democratic rights.

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# Fear Beneath the Calm Routine as a Brookline Clinic Prepares to Reopen

By SARA RIMER

BROOKLINE, Mass., Jan. 6 — At Preterm Health Services, where last Friday the receptionist was killed and two others wounded in gunfire, a counselor was on the telephone today scheduling an abortion.

"You'll need to bring in a sample of your morning's first urine," said the counselor, a 26-year-old woman with curly red hair. "Drink clear liquids only. It's O.K. to have decaf. I mean decaf tea or coffee but no orange juice or heavy liquids."

The counselor was seated in a large room just outside the entrance area where Lecann Nichols, the shy 38-year-old receptionist, had been at her desk when the gunman shot her to death with a .22-caliber rifle. Over Ms. Nichols' desk now hangs a small wreath with a note: "This woman was full of good works."

The counselor's voice was calm and concerned. "Sometimes there are people outside who are opposed to abortion," she told the woman on the telephone. "Just ignore them and walk by. You'll see cops, but don't let them frighten you. They're here to protect us."

The patients are not scheduled to start arriving at 1842 Beacon Street until Monday, but there was no shortage of staff today. Not one of the 64 full-time staff members has quit.

About a mile and a half up the street at the Planned Parenthood clinic, where the same gunman killed the receptionist and wounded three people last Friday, workers were also preparing to receiving patients on Monday.

Nearly all of the people at Preterm today were women. The only men around were the burly guards, a clinic administrator and the clinic's

## The troubling aftermath of a gunman's attack.

lawyer, who came in from time to time.

The women were rescheduling appointments — for birth control, for pregnancy tests, for pap smears, for vasectomies and vasectomy reversals, for tubal ligations, for abortions. They were also on the phone trying to raise money. The private, nonprofit clinic has spent \$30,000 on additional security since the shooting.

If not for the guards, and all the flowers — bouquets, with handwritten sympathy notes, have been arriving since last week — there would be few physical traces left from last week's violence. The blue-gray carpeting has been cleaned. The bullet holes in the wall above the Xerox machine — where another clinic worker, Jane Sauer, 28, was standing when she got hit — have been patched over and painted. A visitor has to look into the mail slots in the wall to see the two bullet holes still visible in the metal there.

Yes, the women at the clinic said, they are scared. They had the blinds drawn at every window. One 25-year-old held her cellular phone in her hand throughout the day. She said she was afraid to walk from her car to the clinic. She said she was afraid to give even her first name.

"After it happened, I wasn't sure what I was going to do," said the woman, who had been in a small



Two women with flowers left as a memorial in front of the Preterm Health Services clinic in Brookline, Mass.

with an older woman coming for an abortion," said Candi, a 29-year-old clinical assistant. "She looked at me and said, 'Are you one of those won't do it for us that goes into the room and holds my hand?'"

The 25-year-old woman with the cellular phone smiled. "We're all caregivers, all members respected."

Even as staff members rescheduled appointments, the clinic, which charges \$300 to \$400 for an abortion, maintains a fund to help women who cannot raise the money. Now, after the attack, the clinic has started a fund to strengthen its security, the Preterm Fund for Safe Passage.

"We have no deep pockets," said Sue, the director of public affairs. "We could never have planned for what happened."

Sue was on the telephone in her office, around the corner from the reception area, when she heard the "pop, pop, pop, pop" of gunfire. She dropped the phone and ran toward the reception area, she said, stopping in the telephone room, where the counselors take calls.

"I got everybody away from the windows," said Sue, who has been working nearly nonstop since last Friday. "I wanted to go and be with Lecann. I could see she was down. I hesitate to tell you this, but I was afraid to go out there."

She began weeping. "What made me feel so awful, what made me feel the saddest is that no one was with Lecann when she died," she said. "No one was there to hold her hand."

Sue pulled herself together. The phone rang for the umpteenth time. It was a board member calling to arrange an emergency fund-raising for noon Saturday. Could she make it?

"I'll be there," Sue said.

was in education."

Preterm is a family, the people who work there say. The decor is homey: Lots of plants, snapshots of friends and relatives on the walls, candy in jars. A nurse pointed out the special bulletin board for photos of staff babies. "That's our fertility shrine," she said.

Preterm is a place where, when a woman has an abortion, or any other serious medical procedure, another woman is always there to hold her hand. "I was in the elevator once

armed guard.

"We intend to remain open," said Ms. Barber, who is 67, and who, in the 21 years since she helped open the clinic, has had her car burned, her home ransacked and her children threatened.

Ms. Barber, who is on the board of directors, had come to the clinic to offer support. So had another board member and former clinic worker, a 70-year-old woman who asked to be identified only as Billy.

"No terrorist is going to close this clinic," Billy said.

Between phone calls and meetings, Billy and Ms. Barber talked about the days before the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, when abortion was illegal. Their commitment, they said, was born of their time.

"My first cousin had an abortion and died," said Billy, the mother of three grown children. "I adored her. She left two orphans 10 months apart. I spent years and years crying and grieving over that. I was in a towering rage. It no more occurred to me in the '40's and '50's that women could have legal abortions than that I could go to Venus."

Ms. Barber helped open the clinic, with gynecological services, in 1972. A year later, with Roe v. Wade as law, the clinic began performing abortions. At the time, Ms. Barber was raising her three children in suburban Newton.

"Everybody thought I was an oddball," she said. "My mother was a very proud, proper woman. She was very uncomfortable with what I was doing. She used to tell her friends I

## Defendant Pleads Not Guilty in Clinic Attacks

Special to The New York Times

BOSTON, Jan. 6 — Exactly a week after the authorities say he shot his way through two abortion clinics, John C. Salvi 3d appeared in Federal District Court here today and pleaded not guilty to two weapons charges stemming from the attacks in suburban Brookline.

Mr. Salvi was then turned over to the Massachusetts authorities, who have charged him with killing two clinic receptionists and wounding five other people in the Dec. 30 shooting. Mr. Salvi is scheduled to be arraigned on the state charges on Monday morning in Brookline District Court.

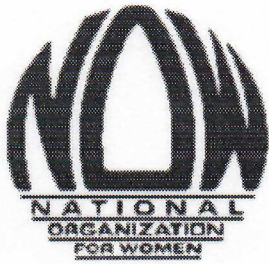
The two Federal charges accuse Mr. Salvi of bringing a firearm across state lines with the intent to commit a felony. Asked how he pleaded, Mr. Salvi, a 22-year-old hairdressing student from Humpston Beach, N.H., replied: "Not guilty."

tough response to the attacks, Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick and other top Justice Department officials met today in Washington with leaders of abortion rights groups like Planned Parenthood, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League and the Feminist Majority Foundation.

The groups were told that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was putting as much effort into investigating whether a national conspiracy was behind recent attacks on clinics as it did into its investigation into the Ku Klux Klan, said a senior department official who attended the meeting.

Also today, Bernard Cardinal Law issued a plea to Boston's Roman Catholics to refrain from demonstrating outside abortion clinics and to instead attend prayer vigils at five designated churches.

<http://www.cybercom.net/~hypatia/now.html>



## The National Organization for Women

### Greater Boston Chapter

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### Greater Boston NOW

Greater Boston NOW has a long tradition of local activism for reproductive rights, lesbian rights, women's safety and economic justice. The NOW office, shared with Mass. NOW, is at

971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston; tel. 617-782-1056

NOW contacts and task forces:

- Chapter President: Toni Troop
- Repro Rights Task Force: Sarah Gaudreau
- Lesbian Rights Task Force
- Domestic Violence, Clothesline Project
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# Anti-Abortion Violence in America

Sadly, the Brookline attacks were not an isolated incident. Acts of anti-choice violence have been on the increase for years. Here we list some of the known attacks on clinics and clinic staff. These should be seen as part of a broader picture: the radical Right in the US has increasingly turned to violence in recent years, with racist attacks, gay-bashing, and more recently organizing by far-right militia activists, with the Oklahoma City bombing as the most dramatic example. Across the world, the language of right-wing hatred is eerily similar: extremists accuse their opponents of being murderers and deserving to die, and then profess shock and deny responsibility when one of their group moves from rhetoric to actual violence. In this respect, the words of some on the Israeli right wing responding to the assassination of Rabin were all too familiar to those of us who heard local Operation Rescue activists last New Year's Eve equating the Brookline murders with the acts of doctors performing pregnancy terminations.

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## Murders and Attempted Murders of Clinic Workers and Doctors 1991 -1995

- 1991 Dec 28 Springfield, MO:  
--- Clinic workers Don Catron and Claudia Gilmore shot, Gilmore paralysed.
- 1992 Jan 14 Houston, TX  
--- Dr. D. Karpen shot in back, wounded
- 1993 Mar 10 Pensacola, FL  
--- Dr. David Gunn murdered
- 1993 May 19 Kansas City, MO:  
--- Shots fired at home of Dr. R. Krist, no injuries.
- 1993 Aug 19 Wichita, KS  
--- Dr. George Tiller wounded.
- 1993 Aug 21 Mobile, AL  
--- Dr. Wayne Patterson murdered on street, anti-abortion link not proven.
- 1994 Mar 20 Los Angeles, CA  
--- Dr. P. Hackmeyer wounded at home.
- 1994 Jul 29 Pensacola, FL  
--- Dr. John Britton and James Barrett murdered, June Barrett wounded.
- 1994 Nov 8 Vancouver, BC  
--- Dr. Garson Romalis wounded, at home.

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- 1994 Dec 30 Brookline, MA  
--- Shannon Lowney and Leanne Nichols murdered, five others wounded.
  - 1995 Jan 5 South Bend, IN  
--- Shots fired at car of Dr. G. Klopfer, no injuries.
  - 1995 Jan 28 Long Island, NY  
--- Bill Baird shot at, no injuries.
  - 1995 Nov 10 Ancaster, ON  
--- Dr. Hugh Short wounded, at home.
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## **Clinic Arsons in 1995**

- Feb 9: Ventura, CA
  - Feb 11: Santa Barbara, CA
  - \*Feb 15: San Luis Obispo, CA
  - Feb 21: Santa Cruz, CA
  - Feb 24: New Mexico
  - Feb 28: San Francisco
  - Feb : Richmond, VA
  - Aug 21: St Petersburg, FL
  - Aug 28: Grants Pass, OR
  - \*Aug 29: St Petersburg, FL
  - \*Sep 18: Jackson, WY
  - Nov 2: St Petersburg, FL
- \* = Severe damage to clinic

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# Abortion Access Project

(from Sep 1994 flyer)

The Reproductive Rights Network of Boston (Boston R2N2) formed the Abortion Access Project in June 1992. The Project is a coalition of activists and health care providers that has developed a pro-active strategy to make abortion services in Massachusetts more accessible. The Abortion Access Project demands accountability from health care institutions, particularly hospitals, to provide abortion services as well as training in abortion procedures. We see access to abortion as part of the larger struggle for access to health care for all women.

## Why We Need the Abortion Access Project

In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion. Yet today, 20 percent of women who want to have an abortion cannot obtain one.

Lack of funding, restrictive legislation and campaigns of harrassment and terror by the anti-abortion movement have severely eroded abortion rights.

While public attention has focussed on the battle over the legal right to abortion, a less noticed but potentially more dangerous trend is threatening abortion rights. Anti-choice forces have pressured hospitals and medical clinics and have harrassed and threatened abortion providers in order to try to put a stop to abortion services. As a result, abortion services have been eliminated in large parts of the country and a critical shortage of abortion providers has developed. The 'right' to choose abortion has become a hollow promise for low-income, young and rural women.

For information on getting an abortion, see the page Getting an Abortion. For accessible abortion services in the Boston area, see the page Getting an Abortion in Boston.

In addition to increasing the affordability and accessibility of abortion in Massachusetts, the Project is currently working on

- expanding training opportunities for OB/GYN and family practice residents,
- changing Massachusetts law to allow mid level providers (midwives, nurse practitioners and physician assistants) to perform abortions,
- and changing the data collection practices of the Dept. of Public Health to provide more accurate and thorough information on abortion availability in Massachusetts.

And we continue to pressure medical institutions to be accountable to their communities for meeting **all** of women's health care needs.

# Hypatia's Web

Welcome to Hypatia's Web, maintained by Boston-area feminist activists to provide access to information on women's issues and news on activist events.

- Issues and Information
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# **Boston NOW - Rallies, Activist meetings, and other Actions**

- Wed Dec 27: Young Feminist Task Force, 7 pm NOW office.
- Thu Dec 28: Mass. NOW Economic Justice Committee, 7pm NOW office.
- Sat Dec 30: **DAY OF MOURNING AND ACTION.** Commemorate the deaths of Leanne Nichols and Shannon Lowney one year ago. Actions in Boston, Brookline, Pensacola, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco.
- **Sat Dec 30: Commemorate the Brookline Murders - March and Rally (NOW). Meet 12:30 at Boylston and Tremont St, Boston. March at 1:00 pm. Rally at Arlington St Church, 2:00.**
- Sat Dec 30: Memorial Service for Leanne Nichols and Shannon Lowney, Temple Obahei Shalom, 1187 Beacon St Brookline, 5 pm. (Coalition for Choice).
- **Sat Jan 13: Pro-Choice Counter-Protest against Operation Rescue, outside Planned Parenthood, 1031 Beacon St Brookline, 8 am. (NOW).**
- **Mon Jan 22: Anniversary of Roe v. Wade - details to be announced.**
- Sat Jan 27: Third Annual Women in the Arts Festival, poetry reading hosted by Patricia Smith. Location to be announced, 6:30 pm.
- Sun Jan 28: Third Annual Women in the Arts Festival, short films. Location to be announced, 3 pm.
- Sun Jan 28: Third Annual Women in the Arts Festival, rock concert fundraiser for Greater Boston NOW and Rosie's Place.
- Sun Apr 14: NOW's Fight the Right March, San Francisco, California.

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# Getting an Abortion

(based on Sep 1994 R2N2/AAP flyer)

For Boston area clinics and hospitals, [click here](#). Anywhere in the country, use the NAF Hotline.

How can you get an abortion? Boston R2N2's Abortion Access Project defines abortion services at a clinic or a hospital as accessible when a woman who does not have a prior relationship with a physician at that location can call and schedule an abortion. If your physician performs abortions, you may be able to simply schedule an appointment with them. However, many people have physicians who do not perform abortions, or insurance which does not cover abortion, or wish to use a different physician for reasons of privacy. In these cases, you may be able to get an abortion at a hospital or at a woman's health clinic. These have advantages and disadvantages:

At a **clinic**,

- Services are usually cheaper, and
- You will often receive more personal attention.

Most first trimester abortions are performed at freestanding clinics.

On the other hand, **hospitals**

- often have free care funds, and many hospitals accept Medicaid, making them an important resource for low income women.
- are more common than clinics outside of urban areas,
- perform later abortion procedures, and can handle any serious complications from such procedures; and
- are often the only resource for HIV+ women.

In 1973, hospitals accounted for 81% of abortion providers. By 1992 that number had dropped to 36%, leaving 94% of rural counties with no abortion providers (Alan Guttmacher Institute, Jun 1994). As most abortion clinics are located in urban areas, the decrease in hospital based abortion services has had the most effect on women who don't live in or near cities.

## Paying for an Abortion

Getting a first trimester abortion costs several hundred dollars. Ultrasound exams and follow up exams may cost extra. Many clinics accept insurance, but not all insurance covers the procedure. Second trimester abortions are more expensive, and charges increase with each additional week.

## Legal access to Abortion for Minors

If a young woman wants an abortion, she may have to deal with state-specific parental consent laws. The local Planned Parenthood clinic or NOW or NARAL chapters may be able to provide advice on the

local law. Depending on the state, one or two parents may be required to give consent, or the woman may be able to go to a judge for a waiver letting her have the abortion without such consent. While family support is important, there are cases in which young woman have very good reasons for not wanting to inform their parents.

For more details on abortion procedures, see the Planned Parenthood Chicago page on Abortion Services.

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# Boston Area Abortion Access

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This page contains current information on the clinics and hospitals in the Boston area which provide abortion services. Other facilities may provide limited access to abortion. The column 'Weeks' indicates the latest stage of pregnancy, in weeks, that an abortion will be performed by that institution.

## Abortion Access - Boston Area

Clinic	Phone	Address	Weeks
Preterm	617-738-6210	1842 Beacon St, Brookline, MA 02146	17
Women's Health Services	617-277-0009	822 Boylston St, Route 9, Brookline MA	23
Planned Parenthood	617-738-1371	1031 Beacon St, Brookline MA 02146	17
Gynecare	617-426-4700	177 Tremont St, Boston MA	20
Crittendon Hastings House	617-782-7600	10 Perthshire Rd, Oak Square, Brighton	16
Repro Associates	617-731-0060	1297 Beacon St, Brookline MA 02146	22
Beth Israel Hospital	617-735-3736	330 Brookline Ave Boston	16
Brigham and Women's Hospital	617-732-4092	75 Francis St Boston	22

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# Birth Control At A Glance

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This page contains current information on the most commonly used forms of birth control was kindly provided by Preterm Health Services.

Figuring out which birth control method works best for you is an important part of your reproductive health care. Once you choose a method, you need to learn how to use it properly, and **use it every time you want to prevent pregnancy.**

To obtain birth control, consult your physician or gynecologist, or visit a women's health clinic in your area. Boston area women may make an appointment at Preterm by calling (617) 738-6210.

Birth control methods include:

- Birth Control Pill
  - Condom and Spermicide
  - Diaphragm and Spermicide
  - Norplant
  - Depo-Provera
  - IUD
  - Cervical Cap and Spermicide
  - Foams, spermicides
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## Preterm's recommendations:

For maximum protection against HIV, plus protection against sexually transmitted diseases like gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis, **always** use a **condom plus spermicide.**

When used properly, this combination of condom and spermicide is also one of the most effective ways to prevent an unplanned pregnancy.

Use a condom and spermicide every time you have intercourse (and whenever you want to prevent pregnancy). Keep them on hand so that their use becomes second nature to you.

Preterm does **NOT** recommend:

- Spermicide alone
  - Contraceptive sponge alone
  - Withdrawal. Small drops of semen can be released at any time during lovemaking, and often well in advance of the man achieving orgasm. Therefore, relying on withdrawal as a birth control method is extremely risky.
  - Douching. Many women wrongly believe that douching is a way to stay more 'clean'. Our bodies
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have their own natural cleansing mechanism, and by douching we alter the natural organisms whose job it is to keep a healthy balance for cleanliness in the vagina. As a birth control method, douching is simply not effective.

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## Birth Control Pill

A daily pill which is taken over a monthly cycle. Ingredients are similar to the hormones produced in a woman's body, and come in various combinations.

**What it does:** Most pills keep the ovaries from releasing the egg (ovulation). Without ovulation, fertilization and pregnancy can't occur. Pills do this only if taken every day at the same time for the full monthly cycle. If one or more pills are missed, pregnancy can occur unless a back-up method of birth control is used.

**How it works:** The pill is effective and easy to use. If discontinued, ovulation should resume quickly. Periods tend to be more regular, with less cramps, bleeding or iron deficiency. Provides limited protection against most common causes of infertility, pelvic inflammatory disease, ovarian cysts, uterine fibroids, and endometriosis. May protect against ovarian and endometrial cancer, non-cancerous breast tumors and ectopic pregnancy.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** Common side effects, especially during first months of use: breast tenderness, spotting between periods, nausea, vomiting and weight gain or loss. Pill users have slightly higher risk of developing serious complications like blood clots, heart attack or stroke. Risk increases with age, smoking, health problems like high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes. May be less effective if combined with medicines such as antibiotics or anti-seizure medications. If you are prescribed any other medications while taking the pill, please speak with your doctor about drug interaction.

**Reliability:** 96 to 99 percent effective.

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## Condom and Spermicide

Made of latex rubber or animal skin. We strongly recommend using the **latex** condom since it is more effective at preventing pregnancy and helps protect against sexually transmitted diseases including HIV. It is put on a man's erect penis before intercourse. We also recommend using spermicidal foam or vaginal contraceptive film (VCF) which is placed into the vagina up to ten minutes before intercourse. These stop sperm, but don't harm vaginal tissue. **Note:** Some condoms come with nonoxynol-9 already on them, but the amount of spermicide is quite small. We recommend that patients use condoms AND foam or film for maximum STD/HIV/pregnancy prevention.

**What it does:** Condoms collect a man's semen and keep sperm from entering a woman's vagina. Vaginal contraceptive film can also be used with condoms: it's a small one inch square of spermicide that looks like plastic wrap. It's folded and inserted into the vagina where it melts through body heat.

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Available from clinics or pharmacies. Foam and film act as barriers and also kill sperm. If the condom leaks, breaks or falls off, they act as backup.

**How it's used:** Highly effective at preventing pregnancy. Both can be bought without a prescription. Latex condoms help protect against sexually transmitted diseases including HIV. Condoms may help men with problems of premature ejaculation.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** Condoms can tear or leak during intercourse and must be carefully withdrawn while holding the rim. Some people experience less sensuality during intercourse and say that using this method interrupts lovemaking. On rare occasions, there may be an allergic reaction to the rubber or irritation from the spermicide.

**Reliability:** 95 to 99 percent effective.

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## Diaphragm and Spermicide

The diaphragm is a soft rubber cup with a flexible rim around the edge. It is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix. The diaphragm must be used with spermicidal jelly or cream.

**What it does:** A diaphragm is inserted into a woman's vagina before intercourse and acts as a barrier by covering the cervix. Cream or jelly used with it immobilizes or destroys sperm. It must be left in place at least 6-8 hours after intercourse to ensure that a barrier remains in effect.

**How it works:** THE diaphragm with spermicide can be inserted up to six hours before intercourse. An additional application of spermicide must be inserted if you have sex more than once. Once learned, insertion is easy and can be assisted by using a plastic insertion device. The diaphragm should not be felt by the woman or her partner. Can be used briefly during your period.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** The diaphragm needs to be checked frequently for small tears or holes. It can move out of place during intercourse when the woman is on top or if she has poor muscle tone due to childbirth. Some women experience more bladder infections with the diaphragm since its rim pushes up against the urinary tract. On rare occasions there may be a mild allergic reaction to the rubber or spermicide. If intercourse is repeated, another application of jelly is required.

**Reliability:** 85 to 97 percent effective.

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## Norplant

In the Norplant implant method, six thin, flexible capsules made of a soft rubber like material are inserted just under the skin of a woman's upper arm in a quick, minor procedure. A low dose of the hormone levonorgestrel is continuously released into the woman's body. The Norplant implant is effective for five years.

**What it does:** Norplant has been shown to inhibit or stop ovulation each month. In addition, it works by thickening the cervical mucus and shrinking the lining of the uterus.

**How it works:** The capsules contain a synthetic hormone, levonorgestrel, similar to those used in birth control pills. Once in place, the implants slowly release the hormone into the bloodstream. Pregnancy is prevented by stopping ovulation, thickening the cervical mucus, and making implantation of a fertilized egg difficult.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** Requires surgical insertion and removal. Relatively significant initial cost. Possibility of menstrual irregularities.

**Reliability:** More than 99 percent effective.

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## Depo-Provera

Depo-Provera is a hormone shot given every twelve weeks to prevent pregnancy.

**What it does:** Depo-Provera stops the ovary from releasing eggs each month. In addition, it works by thickening the cervical mucus and shrinking the lining of the uterus.

**How it works:** Depo-Provera is very effective and easy to use. It provides protection for twelve weeks. Injection contains a progestin called DMPA.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** Menstrual irregularities are common and may include prolonged bleeding during the first few months of use; bleeding or spotting between periods; no bleeding at all; or unpredictable bleeding. Use of Depo-Provera may also result in weight gain. Return of fertility may be delayed after stopping Depo-Provera. You must return to the clinic every twelve weeks for another injection to maintain protection against pregnancy.

**Reliability:** 98 to more than 99 percent effective.

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## Intrauterine Device

A small device made of plastic; some contain copper or a hormone. It is inserted by a clinician into the uterus through the cervical opening, and remains in place until removed by a clinician. Depending upon the type of IUD used, the IUD is effective for up to eight years.

**What it does:** The exact mechanism that causes the IUD to work is not entirely understood. It may prevent implantation of the egg into the uterine wall by making the uterus an unreceptive environment.

**How it's used:** Apart from checking once a month for the IUD string, a woman with an IUD in place does not have to take any action.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** IUDs may cause heavier or longer periods with more cramping. The IUD can dislodge or fall out. Pregnancy, though rare, can occur with an IUD in place and such pregnancies are more likely to be ectopic. An IUD increases the risk of infection to the uterus which, if untreated, can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility. In rare cases (usually during

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insertion) the IUD may make a hole in the wall of the uterus. An IUD is **only** recommended for women who are in a relationship with one partner and who have had at least one full-term pregnancy.

**Reliability:** 92 to 99 percent effective.

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## Cervical Cap and Spermicide

Similar to the diaphragm, but smaller. The cap fits directly onto the cervix by suction and is used with a much smaller amount of spermicidal cream or jelly than the diaphragm. Patients with a history of abnormal pap smears in the past year are not suitable candidates for the cervical cap.

**What it does:** The cap is inserted into a woman's vagina before intercourse and acts as a barrier method, similar to the diaphragm. The cream or jelly used with it immobilizes or destroys sperm. It must be left in place at least eight hours, and up to 48 hours after intercourse.

**How it's used:** The cap contains a small amount of spermicide and can be left in place for 48 hours. No need to reinsert more spermicide with each act of intercourse. Smaller size means fewer problems with bladder infections than with the diaphragm. Some women report greater sexual satisfaction because it covers only the cervix, leaving the upper vaginal wall uncovered, which may increase sensation.

**Related problems, drawbacks or side effects:** Learning how to insert the cap requires a little more instruction than the diaphragm. The cap can dislodge during vigorous intercourse or certain sexual positions. The cap cannot be used during a period because menstrual flow may interfere with suction fit.

**Reliability:** 86 to 97 percent effective.

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## Foams, etc.

**What they do:** Foams, creams, jellies, suppositories and vaginal contraceptive film (VCF) are substances that can be inserted deep in the vagina just before intercourse. They can immobilize or destroy sperm but do not harm vaginal tissue. They spread over the cervix, blocking sperm from entering the uterus. Additionally, the chemical spermicides stop sperm movement.

**How they work** (See Condom and Spermicide).

**Problems:** Spermicides used alone are not effective enough to be considered a reliable method of birth control. Use a barrier method as well.

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# *One Year After the Clinic Murders*

## **Defend Abortion Rights**

### **Saturday, Dec. 30th, 1995 in Boston!**

One year ago, on December 30, 1994 a gunman burst into two Brookline women's health clinics. Two clinic workers Shannon Lowney and Leann Nichols were murdered, and five others were wounded by a violent anti-choice activist.

We *demand* full prosecution of those responsible for these crimes and justice for all those who are on the front line defending a woman's right to choose. We *demand* an end to attacks and harassment that occur daily to women who exercise their right to abortion and those providing health care services. Join us in standing up and speaking up for our rights--our freedom--because **WE WON'T GO BACK!**

- **Assemble 12:30 pm @ Boylston & Tremont St.**
- **March 1:00 pm**
- **Rally 2:00 pm @ Arlington St. Church**  
351 Boylston St.

**Speakers:** **David Gunn Jr.**, son of Dr. David Gunn, abortion provider murdered in Pensicola, Florida in 1993  
**Ellen Convisser**, abortion rights leader  
**Domenic Bozzotto**, President of Local 26, Hotel Workers Union  
**Rosario Morales**, poet  
**Marge Piercy**, poet/author

After the rally, we will join the Memorial Service for Shannon Lowney and Leann Nichols at Temple Ohabei Shalom, 1187 Beacon Street, Brookline.

All locations are accessible by subway MBTA Green Line.

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*Please call the NOW office for information on this and other events at (617) 782-9183 or NOW Hotline at (617) 782-4059. Join our next Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting on 12/12/95, 7:00 pm, at 971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston (MBTA Green B Line, Pleasant T-stop)*



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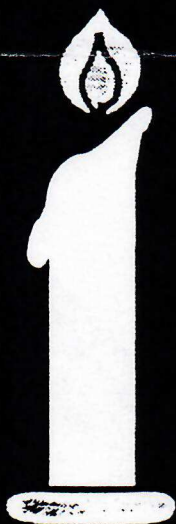
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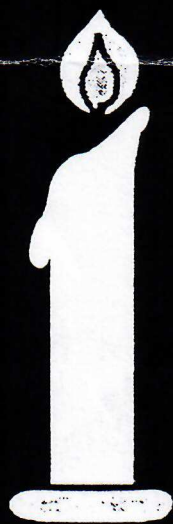
service in memory of  
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who were killed in the clinic shootings one year ago.

**Memorial Service at 5 P.M.**

Temple Ohabei Shalom  
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Following the service, we  
will line Beacon Street from  
the PPLM clinic to the Preterm  
clinic in a one hour silent  
Candlelight Vigil. For more  
information, or to volunteer to  
help on Dec. 30, call PPLM at  
(617) 492-0518.





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# Candlelight Vigil

Immediately following the service, we invite you to take the candles you have received and join us in remembering Shannon Lowney and Leanne Nichols in a silent candlelight vigil lining Beacon Street from the Planned Parenthood Center of Boston, 1031 Beacon Street, to Preterm Health Services, 1842 Beacon Street. Ushers and marshals will assist you as you leave the Temple. Please follow a marshal to a designated area. Those who wish to participate in the vigil from Coolidge Corner to Preterm Health Services are invited to use the MBTA Green Line. Marshals will accompany you on the MBTA and throughout the vigil. To ensure the success of the vigil, please spread out evenly between the clinics. The vigil will last exactly one hour from the end of the Memorial Service.

Thank you for your support.

Let us remember in silence.

# Order of Service

Prelude	Jeffrey D. Brody, Organ
Opening Prayer	Rabbi Emily Lipof
Remarks	Ann F. Osborne, PA-C Executive Director, Preterm Health Services
Remarks	Nicki Nichols Gamble President, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts
"At the River" A traditional hymn arranged by Aaron Copland	Liam Lowney, Soloist
Epitaph Merrit Malloy	Kenneth Edelin, MD
Remarks	Edward McDonough
"#3 Horn Concerto <i>Larghetto</i> " W. A. Mozart	Jeffrey D. Brody, Piano Richard B. Greenfield, Horn
"Dirge without Music" Edna St. Vincent Millay	Nicki Nichols Gamble
Homily	Rev. Anne Carroll Fowler
Benediction	Rabbi Emily Lipof
Postlude	Jeffrey D. Brody, Organ

# Fetus freaks

Spending a morning with the anti-abortion agitators

by Geoff Edgers

As luck would have it, the WomanCare abortion clinic in Brookline is a couple doors down from the post office. So naturally, when my girlfriend and I went to mail a package at the post office three years ago, we ran into a protest. The moment she opened the car door, we were told, "Don't kill your baby. Your baby has fingers just like you."

We pushed through a crowd of fetus fanatics convinced they could save her imaginary baby. Finally, out of frustration, she yelled, "We're mailing a fucking package."

WomanCare, located in Coolidge Corner, is west of Planned Parenthood and east of Preterm, two other clinics on Beacon Street. Who knows why the alleged gunman, John Salvi, didn't stop here last December? Maybe he couldn't find a parking space.

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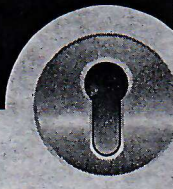
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Although anti-abortion-related homicides may be down for the time being, the activists who continue to stalk and harass abortion providers are apparently turning to intimidation methods that are harder to detect. If anything, that is the lesson extremists have reaped from the Brookline shootings. It is perhaps no coincidence that clinic arsons and bomb threats — both difficult to investigate — are on the rise.

"The shootings were a tragedy on many levels," says State Representative David Cohen (D-Newton), the co-sponsor of leg-

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- The Massachusetts National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold an abortion-rights rally at the Boylston T Station, on the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets, in Boston. A march beginning at 1 p.m. will proceed to the Arlington Street Church, where a program of speeches, poetry, and music will start at 2 p.m. Speakers will include David Gunn Jr., son of the slain abortion provider Dr. David Gunn, and noted feminist author and poet Marge Piercy.

islation that would codify into state law the federal mandates of *Roe v. Wade*. "And the tragedy has been deepened by the failure by the anti-choice forces to realize how destructive they are and how destructive their tactics continue to be. They have learned nothing from this, and that perhaps is another tragedy." □

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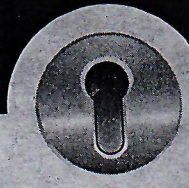
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A representative of the Alan Guttmacher Institute told me that a study is being released which investigates the effects of anti-abortion protesters on women who have abortions. She said that the study found that those negative effects were offset by the presence and actions of clinic escorts. The principle investigator is named Brenda Majors (I can't find my notes and I've forgotten the second author's name. Majors is at Buffalo.) The article will appear in the Journal of Clinical and Social Psychology (again, this is from memory, so I may have screwed up the journal name.) The AGI will be doing press releases around it, but I thought you'd all like to know that there's some scientific evidence now that we're performing a useful service.

Susan

Antis at Brigham & Women's Sep 30

~ 13 antis on corner of Longwood & Huntington

Gay Centre

Cheryl the midget

Mr. Holy Water

Ruth

Others not identified

- Message to NOW from pp: alley is private property.
- LOR invited for Oct 11 escorting
- need volunteers to take signs @ end of this Saturday's escort team.
- check new office folks for NOW web page
  - call Toni?

**Forum on the Radical Right in Massachusetts  
and its impact on Reproductive Freedom**

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Welcome:

**Rev. Brad Cullin**

President, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Mass.  
Pastor, First Parish Unitarian/Universalist Church, Canton, MA

Moderator:

**Rev. Malcolm Bertram**

Pastor, Second Church, United Church of Christ, West Newton, MA

Guest Speakers:

**--Jean Hardisty--**

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**--Susan Kaitz--**

Planned Parenthood's PURPOSE Coalition, Cambridge, MA

**--Sydra Schnipper--**

Alderwoman, City of Newton, MA

**--Audience Response --**

A Call to Action

**Melissa Kogut**

Acting Director, Mass. Choice, Boston, MA

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Wayland, Ma 01778  
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# MASSACHUSETTS NOW'S 1995 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Massachusetts NOW's Legislative Committee has prioritized the following pieces of legislation for 1995. We urge you to contact your state senator and state representative in support of these bills.

**CHILD CARE GUARANTEE** (H.1838): Filed by the Coalition for Basic Human Needs, this legislation would require the state to provide alternative and accessible child care for all low income families on a guaranteed sliding scale basis. Parents who leave welfare for paid employment currently receive one year of guaranteed child care. After that, they may receive some sliding scale child care, or arrange child care themselves. This legislation would provide child care for an unlimited time, as long as the parent continues to meet income guidelines. Key sponsors are Representatives Fitzgerald, Kollios and Cohen.

**AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE LOCATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' PROGRAMS AND RAPE CRISIS CENTERS** (S.869): NOW filed this legislation to ensure that women who currently reside in battered women's shelters or rape crisis centers cannot be forced to disclose the location of the program in any court proceeding. Batterers have sought court orders for victims to disclose their residential addresses even though the batterers knew the victims resided in shelters. Lead sponsor is Senator Jacques.

**MINORS ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**: David Cohen has refiled three minors access bills. NOW supports H.4153, which would allow all women -- regardless of age -- access to abortion by repealing the current law requiring minors to obtain parental consent or a judicial bypass to secure abortion services. The second bill, H.4151, would require women under age 18 to obtain their parents' consent or to talk to a counselor instead of their parents before being able to secure an abortion. The third bill, H.4149, lowers the age of consent from 18 to 16 and requires the consent of only one parent.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE** (H.3768, S.979): Filed by Senator Pines and Representative Donovan, this bill will allow state and municipal employees to receive abortion coverage as part of their insurance. Currently, state and municipal employees and their families are denied health insurance for elective abortions, even though the same insurance plan provides this coverage to non-public employees.

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LIVING WAGE** (H.4070): Filed by the AFL-CIO, this legislation will increase the state's minimum wage to \$5.25 in the first year and to \$6.10 in the second year, with annual adjustments thereafter. Nationally, 63% of minimum wage earners are women. The key legislative sponsor is Joan Menard. The next Commerce and Labor hearing will be held on April 12, 1995 at 10:30 a.m., Room B-1.

**DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS** (S.1332): Filed by the Mass. Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, this legislation will create a statewide domestic partnership law enabling state and municipal employees (both heterosexual and homosexual persons) who are not married, but are financially responsible for one another to receive workplace benefits such as health care.

*Massachusetts NOW's Legislative Committee also advocates for other bills -- too numerous to list here -- covering a variety of women's issues. If you want to get involved and find out more about our legislation, come to the next Legislative Committee meeting on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the NOW office, 971 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. You also can become a part your local NOW phone tree. Call the Mass NOW office at (617) 782-9183 to sign up. For an additional financial contribution, you can become part of our Feminist Action Network (FAN club) and receive monthly legislative alerts.*



# PROTECTING SAFE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Join us at the **1995 Mass Choice Annual Meeting**

Thursday, March 23, 1995  
6:00 - 9:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Association  
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA  
(Next to the State House)

Special Guest Speakers:  
**NARAL National Board President Melonease Shaw**  
&  
**State Representative David Cohen** (*D-Brookline*)

Twenty-two years after the U.S. Supreme Court gave women the right to make the difficult decision about abortion, access to safe abortion is in serious jeopardy. With militant opponents of choice out of control on street corners all over the nation, often culminating in scenes of tragic violence like those experienced recently in Massachusetts, and with anti-choice politicians holding greater power in this country, reproductive choice is in danger of becoming a right in name only for millions of American women. The fight to maintain a woman's right to choose will no doubt intensify this year.

Please join Mass Choice as we discuss our expanded agenda. We will also present details of our campaign to protect access to reproductive health services, to achieve a pro-choice majority in the State House of Representatives, and to stop the radical right in school committee races. **Voting members will elect the new slate of Board of Directors.**

To register for the Annual Meeting and for more details,  
please call the office at **(617) 556-8800**.  
We look forward to seeing you.

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Greater Boston NOW Board Actions  
April - June, 1995

April

- \*Decision to send a charter flight to DC, rather than a double shuttle, provided we can break even on a charter
- \*Decision that if we do not sell enough plane tickets to break even, we'll call back all reserved passengers and give them the option to:
  - a) get a \$25 rebate
  - b) get a NOW t-shirt
  - c) take nothing and just be nice to us

May

- \*Decision to increase Amy's salary to \$17,000/year retroactive to April 1.
- \*Decision to allocate money to purchase 250 'Choice: Uphold Our Right' t-shirts.
- \*Decision to spend \$50 on leaflets for the May and June clinic visibilities.

June

- \*Decision to continue 3 more months of Saturday visibilities (on the second Saturday of each month) outside the clinics and continue our weekly orbiting.
- \*Decision to advertise for a new Office Manager describing the position as is: 40 hours/week, starting at \$15-17K/year, full health benefits, job sharing a possibility.
- \*Decision to spend up to \$350 on advertising for the office manager position.
- \*Approval of Janice Jones appointment to the position of Membership Chair

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## Alert

The shrinking number of abortion providers is a major threat to abortion rights in the U.S. today. Currently only 13% of all Ob/Gyn residency programs require training in first trimester abortion procedures. The number falls to 7% for second trimester procedures. The Abortion Access Project has been working to expand residency training in abortion since its inception.

In February 1995 the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) unanimously passed new regulations that would require accredited Ob/Gyn residency programs to teach abortion, with exemptions for residents with religious or moral objections. Furthermore, institutions that do not provide abortions, such as Catholic hospitals, would be required to arrange for training at another institution. This new requirement is a huge step forward in dealing with the abortion provider shortage.

The requirement has already met with opposition from the Catholic Hospital Association (CHA) and the legislature. Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind) is expected to offer a new and harsher amendment to one of the pending appropriations bills, which will carry federal funding restrictions against hospitals where abortion is taught (penalties in the range of \$3 to 4 millions for many hospitals), and Rep. Hochstra (R-Mi) will introduce a corresponding house measure.

### Required Action:

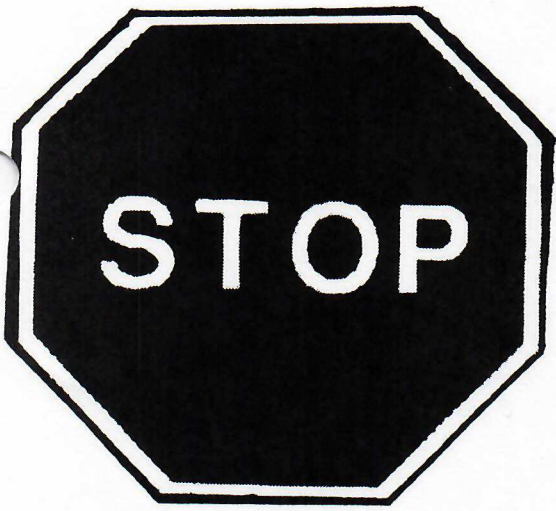
We must act quickly! Members of Congress, both House and Senate, need to hear from us, from students, from physicians in all specialties, and from any professional groups and individuals interested in the integrity of their own educational and accreditation standards, no matter how far removed from the specifics of abortion training.

The proposed Coats and Hochstra amendments need to be opposed. The most important message to get across to your Congressperson and Senators is that physicians should determine what physicians should learn.

The amendments are an unprecedented override of ACGME's private, professionally developed accreditation standards for teaching facilities. This is an unwarranted intrusion of the federal government into the ability of the medical profession to determine the appropriate level of training and education required for the practice of medicine. It is a well accepted principle that standards for accreditation are a private activity and should not be subject to governmental interference.

- The amendments are a blatant usurping of private authority.
- The revisions were not controversial at the ACGME level, having been adopted unanimously.

Please let all of your members and colleagues know about this. It is urgent that we let our legislators know how we feel now. Please call us if you have any questions.



# CLINIC VIOLENCE

## Defend Abortion Rights

Every day anti-choice demonstrators gather in front of women's health care clinics throughout Boston. *Most pray, others yell.* Their presence poses a threat to the safety of the women seeking medical services--including abortion--and to the staff who work there. Their actions continue to intimidate and harass women who exercise their right to choose.

Cardinal Law's decision to lift his earlier call for a moratorium on these demonstrations resulted in increased numbers at their monthly anti-choice vigil in June. NOW asks women and men to join them in a showing of support for safe, legal and accessible abortion and comprehensive reproductive health care for all women:

**The Second Saturday of Each Month  
July 8, August 12 & September 9**

**7:00 - 10:00 am**

**1031 Beacon St. Brookline**

**For More Information on these and other NOW events  
or to find out about the Reproductive Rights phone tree:**

Call the NOW office at (617) 782-1056

Call the NOW Hotline at (617) 782-4059



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**MASS CHOICE  
Boston/Brookline Area Team  
MEETING/PIZZA PARTY!!!**

**MONDAY, JUNE 26th, 1995  
7:00 pm**

**At Robin Messing's Home:  
41 School Street, Brookline**

If you have any questions, call:  
Robin Messing at 277-3595 or  
Andrea Ignatoff at 232-7473

A not-to-be-missed social event!  
Come and relax, eat, chat, and help plan the next  
steps for the Area Team. As usual, Mass Choice  
and legislative updates will be provided.

*\*Please bring money for pizza.*

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**The agenda will include...**

- Governor Weld's nominee to the Supreme Judicial Court
- Special Election in Boston and Brookline: An opportunity to turn an anti-choice seat into a pro-choice seat in the state House of Representatives!!!
- Area Team summer activities

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**when** Wednesday, June 14, 1995  
7:00 -- 9:00 pm

**where** Veronique Ballroom at Longwood Towers  
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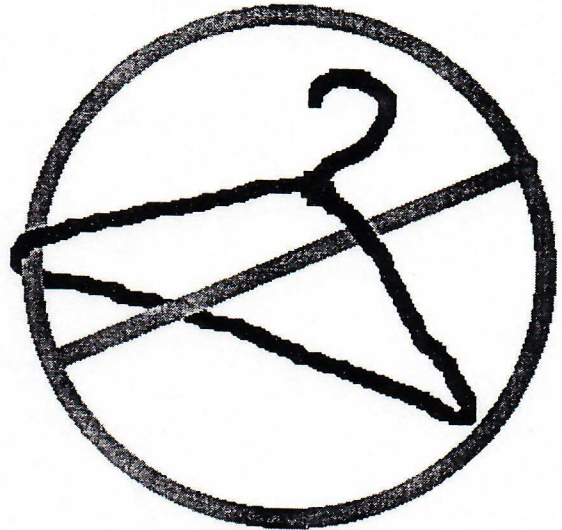
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# Pro-choice March & Rally December 30th, 1995 in Boston!



*We Won't Go Back!*



Join us on the one year anniversary of the attack on two Brookline women's health clinics. Two clinic workers Shannon Lowney and Leann Nichols were shot to death, and five others were wounded by a violent anti-choice activist. We demand full prosecution of those responsible for these crimes and justice for all those who are on the front line defending a woman's right to choose. We demand an end to attacks and harassment that occur daily to women who exercise their right to abortion and those providing health care services. Join us in standing up and speaking up for our rights--our freedom--because WE WON'T GO BACK!

- Assemble 12:30 pm @ Boylston & Tremont St.
- March 1:00 pm
- Rally 2:00 pm @ Arlington St. Church  
351 Boylston St.

MIRIAM will perform at the assembly. The indoor rally will feature Marge Piercy, Rosaria Morales, and more speakers, poets, and musicians.

After the rally, we will join the Memorial Service for Shannon Lowney and Leann Nichols at Temple Ohabei Shalom, 1187 Beacon Street, Brookline.

All locations are accessible by subway MBTA Green Line.



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