

WOMONS SPACE SISTER NEWS

Karen

Sue Bethke, Milwaukee, presently a packer for a moving co., is in line to become Milwaukee's 1st female fire fighter. The Dept. comments, "She's virtually guaranteed a job after Jan. when Federal Judge Reynolds reviews our effort at recruitment of women." They had been ordered by him to hire 5% women by Jan. (Can you believe him admitting they had hired no women and would love to in Jan. when her case was reviewed?)

Los Angeles--Dozens of womens groups picketed State Court of Appeals there protesting a decision in a rape case of a woman hitchhiker. Decision states, "...it is not unreasonable for a man who picked up a woman hitchhiker to believe the woman would consent to sexual relations."--Enough petitions are signed in Madison for our recall of Simonson & Malvina Reynolds has made a record (\$1.25 at SisterMoon) about him & our plight in the courts re: rape.

A new breast cancer test, using a substance called T-antigen injected under the skin is said to be detecting cancer in its earliest stages.

Surgical Care Blue Shield will begin paying up to \$50 to cover physician costs related to treatment of sexual assault.

The Mil. NOW Task Force on Education has asked the federal govt. to cut off 16 million dollars in federal funds to Mil. Public Schools. Why? 'Cause they are not committed to solving problems of sex discrimination & violated federal law by not submitting a report on what was done to be in accord with Title 9. Go gettum Mary!!

The 1st ten female pilots have been trained by the Air Force & will be flying cargo transports, aerial refueling tankers, training planes & weather reconnaissance.

Detroit--A 13 year old girl who likes to shoot pool has won a court ruling breaking the barrier at the local boys club. She said she did not want to join the Girls' Club 'cause all they did was sewing and cooking and she likes pool.

Ms. Anita Shelton of Wash., D.C. works for National Committee on Household Employment (NCHE). She wants to see most household workers carry a union card & work under contracts spelling out duties, pay, sick leave, retirement benefits & hospitalization. "40% of household workers are still not paid the minimum wage. Their average income is \$2,732 a year--less than the poverty level."

Suffragist Alice Paul, a pioneer of the Women's Movement & author of the Equal Rights Amendment has died at 92. She also founded the National Women's Party & was imprisoned several times because of her work for women's rights.

A State agency ruled last month that 8 employers broke state law when they didn't give insurance coverage or sick leave to pregnant workers. 240 other maternity cases are still pending.

Enlarged breasts & impotency of male workers at a plant producing DES are being investigated by fed. govt. The agency wants the workers to wear special air suits. (Why not stop producing this cute little drug which is mostly used in female gynecology care as the MORNING AFTER PILL & causes CANCER.) Also used in cattle feed--thought it was banned for that? Anyone know?

1 girlchild in 4 in U.S. is exposed to some form of sexual abuse by the age of 18. (See Sept. Ms.) 1 out of 5 of these are victims of persons they know.

Marie Soete of Alabama is married to a transsexual man. Her 3 year military career in the Army will probably end. She has been cited for homosexual tendencies due to her marriage and the Army "has no place for such affairs."

Cheryl McDaniels, who attends Marquette Univ. here, is studying for the priesthood. "I'm confident that by 1987 when I finish my seminary studies the pope will allow women to become priests." She is presently in graduate school & also teaches self defense to women. (Anyone out there interested in a self-defense course at SisterMoon??)

200,000 people marched in San Francisco last month to protest the outcome of the gay rights referendum that lost in Dade County, Florida.

Ald. Robert Anderson of Mil. suggested that our city go on record against the Equal Right Amendment. Karen Lamb called him "kooky": He shouted at her that "because you're from the South you shouldn't come up here & tell the North how to do its business." (So much for male emotionalism.)

Jacqueline Means was ordained the Episcopal Church's 1st woman priest. It is now 6 months later & she is still without a job or parish.

The number of hysterectomies performed in Saskatchewan hospital dropped dramatically after a medical committee monitoring reasons for the surgery found a large percentage to be unjustified (try 23.7%)

A-323, which would revise laws regulating private sexual activities of adults, will not come up again until the Legislature meets in Sept. It is in the Leg. Joint Finance Committee right now.

Human Rights Commission (??) of Bloomington Ind. ruled same sex couples have no rights to dance with each other in local discotheques or share apartments.

Wash., D.C. WOW!! The govt. is opening public housing to unmarried couples living together & to homosexual couples if they can show a "stable family relationship". Under new regulations family consists of 2 or more persons sharing residency, whose income & resources are available to meet the family needs & who are related by blood, marriage, or evidenced a stable family relationship.

Credit companies must meet requirements to record info. about couples in both wife & husband's name. Designed to aid women who become divorced, widowed, or just want their own accounts.

Rosalyn Yalow is a female nuclear physicist & has developed radioimmunoassay. Used for testing thyroid function, amount of insulin in body, discover hepatitis antigens in blood donors & other hormone related disorders. Think we'll ever read about her in their history books? She is presently serving as Chief of Nuclear Medicine at the Bronx hospital & as a Prof. at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in NY.

Medical experts say male birth control injections have been proven safe & effective & it's now up to FDA to decide if they can be marketed. (Try the year 2000)

As you all should know by now the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that states (Medicaid) do not have to foot the bill for abortions nor are public hospitals required to do them for poor women who can't pay. Well I couldn't believe it but our State Health & Social Services Dept. decided WI would continue paying for Medicaid abortions until the Legislature set a different policy. A bill prohibiting funds A-321 is presently in Senate Committee & it is unlikely to be considered until next year's session.

NOTE:

re: Federal Funds Congressmen voting on our side for WI in the House are KASTENMIER, OBEY, REUSS; up against us were ASPIN, CORNELL, STEIGER, & ZABLOCKI, of course.

Jean Whitefield of England became the 1st lesbian mother there to win custody of her children. Charges of "militant lesbianism" & campaigns on women's liberation issues were used as factual evidence. The victory was due more to the fathers failure to provide a home rather than a radical change in the law's attitude. (OOB)

HR 2998 is the national gay civil rights bill which would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by adding words "affectional or sexual preference". We must write the Subcommittee on Civil & Const. Rights & voice our strong support.

Sodom Time, distributed in Frisco's financial district blames gays for droughts across the country. LC