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## Act for Afghan Women Introduced Feminist Majority Spearheads Drive

Responding to the continuing lack of reconstruction and security resources in Afghanistan, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced the “Afghan Women Security and Freedom Act 2004” (S. 2032). The act, which was written in collaboration with the Feminist Majority, authorizes \$300 million per year from 2005–2007 for programs to aid Afghan women in the areas of political and human rights, education and training, healthcare, and security.

Boxer’s bill earmarks \$20 million for the Afghan Ministry of Women’s Affairs and \$10 million for the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission each year. It also specifies that “not less than 25 percent of such assistance” should be provided to Afghan women-led organizations.

In addition, the act calls for the expansion of international peacekeeping forces

and authorization of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) and peace troops to intervene to stop human rights and women’s rights violations, which the current mandates do not allow.

Introduction of Boxer’s bill came just weeks after Afghan women won language in the newly adopted constitution providing that “citizens of Afghanistan—whether man or woman—have equal rights and duties before the law.”

This victory is a tribute to Afghan women leaders, the Feminist Majority, members of Congress, and many others who brought the treatment of women under the Taliban to the world’s attention and who have continued to press for the rights of women under the post-Taliban government.

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## Massive March for Women’s Lives Builds Momentum

By Holly Connor

Momentum is building for what is expected to be the largest march for women’s rights in United States history. Nearly 1,000 organizations have signed on to co-sponsor the *March for Women’s Lives* converging in Washington DC on Sunday, April 25. The list grows daily, reflecting the huge diversity of those who support women’s reproductive rights worldwide.

The Feminist Majority, National Organization for Women (NOW), Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), NARAL Pro-Choice America, Black Women’s Health Imperative, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), are organizing this historic March. Unprecedented numbers of people from around the country are expected to amass, making visible the vast majority of Americans who support reproductive freedom.

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Actors LisaGay Hamilton (left) and Camryn Manheim (right) of TV’s “The Practice” have signed on to help mobilize artists for the April 25 March for Women’s Lives in Washington DC.

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### Bush Graded on Global Women's Issues

The Feminist Majority (FM), Center for Health & Gender Equity (CHANGE), Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO), and Communications Consortium Media Center (CCMC), have created a Global Women's Issues Scorecard, which rates the Bush Administration on its performance on key issues affecting women internationally.

The most recent scorecard covers the new US resolution on women and political participation, women and global trade, and women's rights and security in Afghanistan and Iraq. Past scorecards have scrutinized the administration's unsubstantiated rhetoric on issues of international family planning, HIV/AIDS, CEDAW ratification, foreign aid, and the effect of agricultural subsidies on people living in poverty—the majority of whom are women.

For the complete Scorecard visit [www.WglobalScorecard.org](http://www.WglobalScorecard.org).

### Boxer Announces Bill to Make *Roe* Law

Marking the 31st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) announced new federal legislation that would codify the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision. The Freedom of Choice Act would guarantee women's right to choose abortion, even if the make-up of the Supreme Court changed and *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. "With just a one-vote margin protecting *Roe* in the Supreme Court," said Boxer, "we cannot afford to take these fundamental rights for granted."

Flanked by pro-choice leaders, including Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, and Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, Boxer made it clear that the Act would not only codify *Roe* but would overturn the many restrictions placed on abortion rights since 1973, including more than 350 state restrictions enacted since 1995.

"The fundamental right to a safe, legal abortion is supported by the overwhelming majority of Americans," said Smeal.

"On April 25, the March for Women's Lives will make visible this vast support for women's reproductive rights."

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) also spoke at the press conference, emphasizing that a woman's right to choose is in greater danger today than it has been since before *Roe v. Wade*.

"Moving [family law] under Islamic law could destroy the status of Iraqi women by making women's rights... vulnerable to extremist Islamic interpretation."

### Iraq Ruling Sets Women's Rights Back

The U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council recently voted to cancel current family laws and to place family law under the strict jurisdiction of Islamic (sharia) law, angering Iraqi women and women's rights and human rights activists. Resolution 137 will undermine the right to equality and freedom for all of Iraq's citizens.

Iraqi women's rights activists spoke out at several conferences and protests declaring that moving these laws under Islamic law could destroy the status of Iraqi women by making women's rights regarding marriage, child custody, divorce and inheritance vulnerable to extremist Islamic interpretation.

For the past 40 years, Iraq's civil code had legal protections for women, such as prohibiting marriage under the age of 18, arbitrary divorce, and polygamy. In fact, Iraq's civil code in 1959 was at one point considered the most progressive in the Middle East.

The chief U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, has to approve decisions made by the council. He has not yet responded to requests for comments.

### FDA Rejects Approval for Silicone Breast Implants

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced its decision not to approve silicone gel breast implants at this time. The implants were pulled from the market in 1992 after many women reported illnesses and pain from the implants, which often broke open, causing repeat surgery, pain, and disfigurement.

The FDA rejected the recommendation of its expert advisory panel to approve the implants despite questions about their safety and durability.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) and other women's health advocacy groups urged the FDA to delay a decision on the implants until long-term studies are conducted on silicone's effects on women's bodies.

Kim Gandy, president of NOW, said, "I found it astonishing that, with less than three years of data presented by [implant manufacturer] Inamed, the [advisory] panel went ahead and recommended approving silicone implants. I am relieved to hear that the full FDA is taking the health of women more seriously." ■

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# FDA Committees Support Over the Counter Emergency Contraception

By Holly Connor

In the wake of overwhelming scientific evidence and mounting public support, two Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committees voted 23-4 in favor of making Plan B emergency contraceptive (EC) available over the counter. A final ruling by the FDA commissioner is expected in late February.

EC is time-sensitive, being 90–95 percent effective if taken within 24 hours of unprotected intercourse, contraceptive failure, or sexual assault. Effectiveness decreases to 77 percent if taken within five days.

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) joined with the nation's leading medical and women's organizations at December's public hearing. FMF Medical Director Dr. Beth Jordan testified before the FDA Nonprescription Drugs and Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committees that "the scientific evidence and public health imperative propelling this request for EC are strong and undeniable. Access delayed is access denied. For the sake of women whose lives and futures are at stake, please make this decision on scientific merit, not politics."

The FMF leads a national drive on college campuses to increase the availability of EC. Dr. Jordan presented the panel with over 30,000 signatures garnered from the FMF's grassroots campaign supporting over-the-counter access to EC, as well as the results of FMF's nation-

wide, random sample survey of college and university health clinics on the availability of EC on college campuses. The survey found that only 61 percent of non-religiously affiliated college and university-based health clinics offer EC or advance prescriptions for EC and only 16 percent have weekend hours.

"Young women should not have to face unnecessary barriers to emergency contraception," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Anti-abortion politics threaten access to EC on U.S. campuses. In Virginia, an anti-abortion legislator convinced the boards of James Madison and George Mason Universities to stop dispensing EC at their campus health centers—a move that only serves to increase the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions.

However, following the FDA Advisory Committees' vote, ardent student protests, and a shift in the membership of their board of visitors, James Madison University reversed its position to allow distribution of EC.

"Access to EC must not be dependent on right-wing politics, restrictive clinic hours, or the individual bravado of a clinic provider," Dr. Jordan said. "We must empower young women to make this safe, effective, and easy to use product available over the counter and easily accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. What good is the 'morning after' pill if it takes three days to get?" ■

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Sign Up for April 25th March for Women's Lives

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Urge FDA Approval of Over-the-Counter EC

Two FDA advisory committees have voted to support over-the-counter sales status for the emergency contraceptive (EC) Plan B. The FDA will issue its final decision in late February. Anti-abortion groups and legislators have mobilized to prevent approval. Please send a message in support of over-the-counter availability of emergency contraception by e-mailing the FDA today from [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org).

Help Afghan Women

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) recently introduced the "Afghan Women Freedom and Security Act" (S. 2032) which calls for the full-scale deployment of international peacekeeping forces and direct funding for the Ministry of Women's Affairs, the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, and Afghan women's organizations. The deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan makes implementation of constitutional protections for women's rights and human rights all but impossible. Call and urge your Senators to co-sponsor S. 2032, or send a message from [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org).

## NEWS UPDATE

The FDA's ruling on EC-OTC is expected as this newsletter goes to press. Visit [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org) for breaking feminist news.

## Afghan Women

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When the draft constitution issued in November did not explicitly define women as citizens, Afghan women leaders made strong appeals in Kabul and the Feminist Majority organized protests to the Bush Administration. Finally, at the Loya Jirga, women delegates won inclusion of an explicit equal rights guarantee for women, which is especially noteworthy since the U.S. Constitution does not give women equal rights.

The new Afghan constitution also requires the government to abide by the UN charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the international treaties and conventions that it signs. Last March, Afghanistan ratified the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights for women that the United States has yet to ratify.

However, other constitutional provisions may undermine newly gained rights for women. The constitution requires “no law can be contrary to the beliefs and provisions of the sacred religion of Islam.” Human rights advocates worry that this language leaves individual rights, human rights, and women’s rights vulnerable to extremist interpretations of Islam by judges.

These fears were realized shortly after ratification of the constitution. In response to the airing of footage of a famous Afghan women singer on Afghan television, Deputy Supreme Court Justice Fazel Ahmed Manawi proclaimed that allowing women to sing on television is contrary to Islam and thus not permitted under the new constitution. The Ministry of Information and Culture said that the singer’s television appearance was in keeping with the new constitution’s equal rights guarantee.

### More Security Needed

The deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan also places women’s rights advances in jeopardy. For the past two



*Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority (left), discusses the Afghan constitution with Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) (right) at the 2003 Ms. Women of the Year Awards Breakfast at the National Press Club in Washington DC.*

years, the United Nations, Afghan government, Afghan women leaders, and the Feminist Majority have called upon the Bush Administration to support a full-fledged expansion of international peacekeeping forces throughout Afghanistan.

This fall the Bush Administration, NATO, and the UN Security Council finally agreed to the deployment of international peacekeeping forces beyond Kabul. But so far, peace troop expansion consists of only the addition of several more Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs), most of which include only 60-100 personnel each.

“The response to Afghanistan’s security needs has been woefully inadequate. Unless there is an immediate and full-scale expansion of international peacekeeping troops throughout the country, enforcement of the new constitution with its women’s rights provisions will not be possible,” said Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal.

Poor security has slowed voter registration in preparation for planned elections in June. So far only some 700,000 of 10.5 million potential voters have been regis-

tered. Only 22% of those who have been registered are women.

### Funding Win

The Feminist Majority also continues to press for more reconstruction aid. Outraged that the Bush Administration’s Emergency Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan included only \$800 million for Afghanistan compared with \$20.3 billion for Iraq, the Feminist Majority galvanized women’s rights and human rights groups to urge a shift in funding priorities.

While little money was added for Afghanistan overall, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), working closely with the Feminist Majority, did win an amendment that designates \$5 million of the reconstruction package for the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and \$60 million for women’s programs.

In final budget negotiations, male lawmakers made a last ditch effort to remove Maloney’s amendment because they felt that \$60 million for women represented too large a share of the Afghanistan money. However, women members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees—Senators Patty Murray (D-WA), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Mary Landreiu (D-LA), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY)—joined with Maloney and successfully fought to preserve the money for women. ■

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# Anti-Abortion Extremists: Front Lines Update

By Sharyn Tejani

One in four clinics continues to be victimized by anti-abortion violence. FMF's National Clinic Access Project is working closely with women's health clinics and local, state, and federal law enforcement to counter this domestic terrorism. In the past six months, significant strides have been made with the arrest and conviction of several anti-abortion domestic terrorists. But still, the networks that support and fund these individuals have yet to be brought to justice.

## Stephen Jordi Arrested

Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arrested Stephen John Jordi of Coconut Creek, Florida for planning arson attacks on abortion clinics. Jordi was indicted on one count of attempted arson, distribution of explosives information, and possessing a silencer. The FBI had been watching Jordi since August after receiving a tip from his brother concerning Stephen Jordi's plans to attack clinics. After the arrest, FBI spokesperson Beverly Esselbach stated that Jordi "was perilously close to carrying out his plans." If convicted, Jordi faces up to 20 years in prison and up to \$750,000 in fines.

## Clayton Waagner Convicted

Anti-abortion extremist Clayton Lee Waagner was convicted of mailing anthrax hoax letters to over 700 abortion clinics and pro-choice organizations in 24 states. The jury found Waagner guilty of 51 of the 53 charges against him, including threatening the use of a weapon of mass destruction, violating the Freedom of Access to Clinics Entrances (FACE) Act, extortion, and mailing threatening communication. For other crimes he has committed, including firearms violations and car theft, Waagner is already serving 49 years in prison. Waagner will probably never leave prison again.

Waagner was arrested in 1999 for possession of stolen handguns and a stolen car. At the time of his arrest, he threatened to shoot abortion providers. In 2001, while awaiting sentencing for the 1999 charges, Waagner escaped from jail and remained at large for nine

MARGARET MOORE



*Anti-abortion extremists stand vigil across from the state prison in Stark, Florida where Paul Hill was executed on September 3, 2003 at 6:11 pm. From left: Bob Lockey, Alabama; Marjorie Reed; Michael Bray, Army of God, Bowie, Maryland; Drew Heiss (behind Bray); Jeff White, California.*

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months during which he engaged in a variety of crimes, including mailing the anthrax threats to clinics, car jacking and robbery. When Waagner mailed his anthrax threats, Congress and media outlets had just received real anthrax by mail. Therefore, Waagner's threats were treated as if they actually contained the deadly bacteria. The envelopes he sent had the return addresses of pro-choice organizations and the United States Secret Service. In some envelopes, Waagner placed a non-toxic insecticide that often gives a false positive when tested for anthrax.

## Paul Hill Executed

On September 3, 2003, the State of Florida executed Paul Hill for the 1994 murders of

abortion provider Dr. John Britton and his volunteer escort, Lt. Col. James Barrett. The day before his execution, Hill stated, "I don't feel any remorse because I think it was a good thing, and instead of being shocked, more people should do what I did. Hill's last words in the execution chamber: "May God help you to protect the unborn as you would want to be protected." Anti-abortion extremists' websites proclaimed Hill a hero and included messages supporting Hill's actions. Some of the most extreme members of the anti-abortion movement, including Stephen Jordi, who was subsequently arrested, journeyed to Florida and protested outside of the execution site.

## Rudolph Trial Date Set

Eric Robert Rudolph will be tried in August 2004 in Birmingham, Alabama for the bombing of the New Woman All Woman Health Care clinic that killed an off-duty police officer and permanently injured a clinic nurse. Rudolph will then face charges in Atlanta, GA for the bombings of an abortion clinic, a gay nightclub, and Centennial Park during the 1996 Olympic Games. ■



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## FMF Launches Education Equity Program

By Holly Connor

On the heels of President Bush's attempts to weaken Title IX, the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) recently launched the FMF Education Equity program. Directed by Dr. Susan Klein, the program will take a leading role in compiling research on gender equity and developing an active national network of Title IX Gender Equity Coordinators and others who support gender equality in education.

"Title IX requires institutions that receive federal financial assistance for education programs or activities to comply with all of its regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex," said Dr. Klein. "Each institution must have a Title IX Coordinator to comply. Many don't.

We must increase nationwide compliance and provide information and resources to make gender equity in education a reality for women and men, girls and boys."

Dr. Klein will collaborate with roughly 200 experts to develop a new *Handbook for Achieving Gender Equity Through Education*. It will build on the sex equity handbook she edited in 1985. The new handbook will map the progress made in gender equity in education over the past 20 years and set forth a research and action agenda for the next decade.

In addition to new chapters on global gender equity and technology, the new Handbook will cover sex education, body image, sexual harassment, and sexual orientation. FMF intern Jill Friedlander, Legal Director Sharyn Tejani and Medical Director Dr. Beth Jordan will contribute to chapters.

Many of the Handbook's contributors will present workshops at the Gender Equity in Educational Achievement Conference being organized by Dr. Klein, the FMF, and numerous co-sponsors for April 24 at the National Education Association (NEA) headquarters in Washington, DC. The conference will coincide with the March for Women's Lives the following day.

Before joining the FMF, Dr. Klein, an educational psychologist, spent 34 years with the U.S. Department of Education, where she provided national leadership on gender equity issues, initiated studies that identified sex inequities in classrooms, and served as coordinator of the Gender Equity Expert Panel.

For a free copy of the Gender Equity Expert Panel report go to [www.ed.gov/pubs/genderequity/](http://www.ed.gov/pubs/genderequity/) ■

## Ms. Magazine Celebrates Women of the Year

**M**s. magazine honored the 2003 Women of the Year at an awards breakfast in Washington, DC. Honorees, members of Congress, national women's rights leaders, and *Ms.* readers participated in the sold-out event at the National Press Club. The 2003 awards continue a tradition that began in 1982, when *Ms.* editors had enough of Time magazine's "Man of the Year" covers and created their own Woman of the Year.

The 2003 *Ms.* Women of the Year include:

**Dr. Sima Samar** – Chair, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission

**Martha Burk** – Chair, National Council of Women's Organizations

**Salma Hayek** – Actor and Director

**Joan Blades** – Co-Founder, MoveOn.org

**Loune Viaud** – Director, Partners in Health, Haiti

**Pamela Thomas-Graham** – President and CEO, CNBC

**Niki Caro** – Writer and Director, *Whale Rider*

**Eileen Fisher** – Fashion Entrepreneur and Clothing Designer

**Jessica Neuwirth** – Co-Founder and President, Equality Now



*Niki Caro, writer and director of Whale Rider.*

**Carla Diane Hayden** – President, American Library Association

American Library Association President Carla Diane Hayden received thunderous applause for her spirited fight against Attorney General John Ashcroft's Patriot Act. Hayden noted that she has long been a *Ms.* reader and acknowledged the contributions that librarians have made to social change. "Librarians have been doing this type of work but rarely in the spotlight," she said. "We are committed to educating our citizens about the

dangers of many provisions of the USA Patriot Act."

Dr. Sima Samar was unable to attend the awards breakfast because it coincided with the Loya Jirga, which was debating Afghanistan's new constitution. Accepting the award on her behalf was Feroza Yari, a young Afghan refugee, who has been able to continue her education in the United States through the Feminist Majority Foundation's Afghan Women's Scholarship Program.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, received a surprise honor—the first *Ms.* Legend Award. Voted on by the *Ms.* editorial team, the *Ms.* Legend Award is given for a lifetime of accomplishments working on behalf of women's rights.

"Ellie Smeal has dedicated her life to fighting for the rights and equality of women in the U.S. and around the world," remarked Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) as she presented Smeal with the honor. "She has women's equality in her DNA." ■

# FMF and *Ms.* Magazine Kick Off *Salon 433*

By duVergne R. Gaines

Cuban-born American novelist and journalist Cristina Garcia launched the Feminist Majority Foundation and *Ms.* magazine's *Salon 433: A Feminist Literary Series* to a standing-room-only audience at the new FMF/*Ms.* west coast offices this past September. *Salon 433* is a new forum for leading authors to discuss their work with feminist leaders, activists, scholars and students.

Nominated for a National Book Award for *Dreaming in Cuban*, Garcia read selections from her latest novel, *Monkey Hunting*, a rich and powerful saga of a Chinese-Cuban family. Garcia discussed how



Anchee Min

her prose explores the challenges and dual identities experienced by millions of immigrants in the United States and elsewhere.

National Public Radio correspondent Mandalit del Barco moderated the evening and contributed her own immigrant community experiences as a feminist journalist.

In January, *Salon 433* presented an evening with Anchee Min, world-renowned author of *Becoming Madame Mao* and *Red Azalea*. Min read excerpts from and answered questions about her new novel, *Empress Orchid*. The novel is a vivid, feminist and re-visionary portrait of the last empress of China, a fascinating and strong-willed woman vilified for generations as a grand seductress and murderer. ■

## Upcoming Events

On February 26, *Salon 433* will feature acclaimed author Amy Liu discussing her latest work, *Flash House*, with Sandra Hannicut of Captive Daughters, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending sex-trafficking and Chelo Alvarez, a filmmaker who is producing a documentary on the brothels of Nepal and India.

For more information about Salon 433 readings, visit [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org) or [www.msmagazine.com](http://www.msmagazine.com) or write FMF/*Ms.*, 433 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. ■

## March

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"We cannot be the generation that both won and lost abortion rights for women," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority. "The lives of women and girls depend on our changing the public debate. We must sound the alarm that women's fundamental reproductive freedoms are in danger."

The March for Women's Lives is now the fastest growing meet-up in the country on meetup.com. Smeal, together with Kim Gandy, president of NOW, Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, and Gloria Feldt, president of PPF, toured in six states this fall, holding rallies and meetings with community leaders and college campus activists. Students and community leaders are forming delegations, activating their campuses and communities, and chartering buses.

"What the United States does impacts not only American women but all women worldwide," said Smeal. "One woman dies every three minutes from unsafe and botched illegal abortions in developing nations because of hypocritical U.S. foreign policies on family planning. And there are many women who are needlessly suffering even here in the United States."



From left: Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt, NOW President Kim Gandy, NARAL Pro-Choice America President Kate Michelman, and Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal join Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to introduce the Freedom of Choice Act.

In addition to extensive campus outreach, the Feminist Majority Foundation and the Feminist Majority are galvanizing and organizing independent women's health clinics, abortion service providers, and statewide coalitions against domestic violence and sexual assault. "Groups are activating their memberships to march," said Feminist Majority March Coordinator Jessica Terlikowski. "People are outraged at recent setbacks to women's reproductive rights worldwide, and they want to do something about it."

For more information on the March for Women's Lives visit [march.feminist.org](http://march.feminist.org) or email [march@feminist.org](mailto:march@feminist.org) ■

## March for Women's Lives Video

This inspirational video, written and produced by Feminist Majority Board Member Lorraine Sheinberg, explains how marches have changed the course of history and why we are marching on April 25. Organize March video presentations to educate and mobilize your community to participate in the March for Women's Lives. Order today for only \$5.00 at [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org) and help spread the word!

# Stars Mobilize for April 25th March

By duVergne R. Gaines

The Hollywood and music community are pulling together to help get the word out and recruit their colleagues to attend the April 25 March for Women's Lives. **Amy Brenneman** (co-creator, executive producer and star of "Judging Amy") and **Camryn Manheim** (Emmy & Golden Globe award winning actor and cast member of "The Practice") are leading an artist outreach committee for the March.

Helping the FM spread the word on the March, world renowned musicians **Sheryl Crow**, **Melissa Etheridge**, and **Ben Harper** performed a special Rock for Choice® concert at the Hollywood Palladium on January 23, 2004 to coincide with the 31st anniversary of Roe v Wade. The concert kicked off a series of shows aimed at mobilizing young women and men to participate in the March and register to vote. **Ellen DeGeneres**, **Brittany Murphy**, **Laura Dern**, **Kathy Najimy**, and several other major stars participated.

In late October of 2003, the Feminist Majority and Planned Parenthood Los Angeles officially kicked-off Artist Outreach for the March for Women's Lives by hosting a special artist briefing in Los Angeles. Some of Hollywood's feminist best attended, including **Nia Vardalos** (writer and star of the hit-film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*), **Kathy Najimy** ("King of the Hill"), **LisaGay Hamilton** (formerly of "The Practice"), and **Morgan Fairchild**. In addition to discussing the importance of artist involvement in the March for Women's Lives, the briefing previewed the powerful March organizing video produced and directed by Feminist Majority Board Member **Lorraine Sheinberg** (see page 8).

Thus far, celebrities endorsing and/or participating in March for Women's Lives activities include **Sharon Stone**, **Helen Hunt**, **Glenn Close**, **Susan Sarandon**, **Cybil Shepard**, **Calista Flockhart**, **Janeane Garafolo**, **Jane Fonda**, **Sanaa Latham**, **Tyne Daly**, **Amber Tamblyn** and **Alfre Woodard**. ■



Actor Amy Brenneman of TV's "Judging Amy" has joined with the Feminist Majority to recruit celebrities for the March for Women's Lives.

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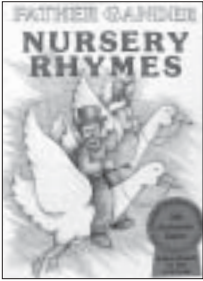


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## Young Feminist Gifts



**Father Gander Book**  
 Father Gander Nursery Rhymes: The Equal Rhymes Amendment. This book of egalitarian nursery rhymes is an international bestseller. Jack and Jill both jump over the candlestick, and Mary quite

contrary is joined by Larry in the garden.  
**Price: \$15.95 Product Code: Y17**



**Old Bachelor**  
 The 90's version of the card game Old Maid! Collect pairs of multicultural women in various professions but avoid the Old Bachelor. Beautifully illustrated, for ages 4 and up. So popular we can hardly keep it in stock!

**Price: \$6 Product Code: Y13**



**Product Code: T12**  
**Listen to Girls T-Shirt**  
 She'll love this beautiful tee and the message on it. Child's size S, M, L.  
**Price: \$15**  
**Product Code: T13**



**Ms. Tote**  
 This generous canvas tote comes with 2—count 'em!—2 handles. Now that's handy! Get a grip on your stuff!  
**Price: \$15**  
**Product Code: Z2**



**Ms. Poster**  
 Collector's item, 18"x24" blow-up poster of the first Ms. magazine newsstand cover (July 1972). Perfect for framing!  
**Price: \$19.95**  
**Product Code: Z9**



**Girls Rock T-Shirt**  
 Give her a strong start in this "Girls Rock!" tee. White lettering on black shirt.  
**Price: \$15**  
**Sizes: Child's S, M, L**

## Afghan Women's Crafts & Videos



**Afghan Women Dolls**  
 Handmade Afghan women dolls. Each doll comes with a burqa to use for educational purposes. Dolls are approx. 11" tall.  
**Price: \$20**  
**Product Code: A05**



**Video**

**Shroud of Silence Video**  
 This powerful 15-minute documentary narrated by Marlo Thomas chronicles the everyday struggle that was life for women under the Taliban regime's brutal system of

gender apartheid. With actual footage of Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, this video is a must-see for those interested in mobilizing support for ending gender apartheid in Afghanistan.

**Price: \$19.95 Product Code: V6**

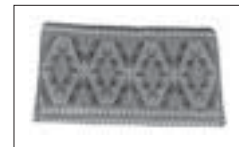
### Help Afghan Women

For silk shawls, quilts, clothing, wall-hangings and other crafts handmade by Afghan women living in refugee camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan, visit [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org). As a part of the FMF Campaign for Afghan Women and Girls, 100% of the proceeds will go back to Afghan women and girls.



**Taliban: Prayer for Hate Video**  
 An educational 12 min. film chronicles the rise of the Taliban regime, and their role in exporting drugs and enforcing a brutal

system of gender apartheid.  
**Price: \$19.95 Product Code: V8**



### Afghan Money Bag

Afghan Money Bag  
 Hand-embroidered fabric money bag with zipper. Colors

and patterns of design vary. Size 8.5" X 4"

**Price: \$20 Product Code: AW3**



### Large Square Pillowcase/ Wall Hanging

Colorful pillowcase is embroidered with a combination of bright colored

threads on a black fabric base and a black backing with zipper. Also comes in wonderful earthtone embroidery colors of maroon, tan, green, and brown on brown fabric with embedded mirrors. Designs vary with combination of floral and geometric patterns. Approx. 30" x 30".

**Price: \$40 Product Code: AP7 (bright colors) AP8 (warm colors)**

# Feminist T-shirts

## 1 This is What a Feminist Looks Like Fitted Tee

An old favorite becomes new again with an updated fit! White lettering on black shirt.  
**Price: \$17 Sizes: S, M, L, XL Product Code: T16**

## 2 Radical Feminist Baseball Tee

Show them how truly 'radical' you are with our new line of Radical Feminist tees! The baseball tee has a modern, fitted shape, three-quarter length sleeves and comes in fuchsia/pink with tonal fuchsia lettering.  
**Price: \$21 Sizes: S, M, L, XL Product Code: T18**

## 3 This is What a Feminist Looks Like Tank

Our classic slogan tee now available in the perfect style for summer! Tank has fitted shape, scoop neck, and spaghetti straps.  
**Price: \$17 Sizes: S, M, L, XL Product Code: T20**

## 4 Feminist Majority Fitted Tee

Try our classic Feminist Majority logo tee in a new fitted shape!  
**Price: \$17 Sizes: S, M, L, XL Product Code: T15**

## 5 This is What a Feminist Looks Like T-shirt

"This is what a feminist looks like" tee. White lettering on black shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL Product Code: T5**

## 6 Radical Feminist Cap Sleeve Tee

Show them how truly 'radical' you are with our new line of Radical Feminist tees! The cap sleeve tee has a modern, fitted shape and comes in fuchsia/pink with tonal fuchsia lettering.  
**Price: \$19 Sizes: S, M, L, XL Product Code: T17**

## Feminist Majority T-shirt

Whenever we wear this T-shirt to rallies, people try to buy it off our backs! Now you can have your very own. Definition of feminism on back: "Feminism. the policy, practice or advocacy of political, economic and social equality for women." White lettering on raspberry shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL Product Code: T3**

## Feminism is the Radical Notion... T-shirt

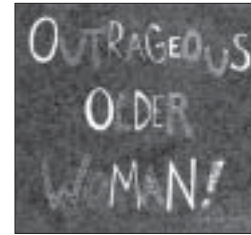
"Feminism is the Radical Notion that Women are People." Pink lettering on black or red lettering on white shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL Product Code: T1**

## Rebecca West Quote T-shirt

"I have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat."—Rebecca West, 1913. White lettering on hunter green shirt or pink lettering on oatmeal shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL Product Code: T2**

## Because Woman's Work... T-shirt

Women's symbol on front and text on back. "Because woman's is work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or boring or repetitious and we're the first to get fired and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we get beaten we must have provoked it [...]for lots and lots of other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement." Black lettering on white shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL Product Code: T4**



## Outrageous Older Woman T-shirt

Are you an outrageous older woman? Do you know someone who is? Buy her this special tee.

Bright pink lettering on purple heavyweight shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL Product Code: T11**



## Wild Women Don't Get the Blues T-shirt

Let your wild side show with this fabulous "Wild Women Don't Get the Blues" tee.

Ivory lettering on purple heavyweight shirt.  
**Price: \$15 Sizes: M, L, XL Product Code: T10**



## Feminist Tote Bag

"Count me in the Feminist Majority" with the definition of feminism. These attractive bags are made by a woman-owned company. Natural canvas with purple ink.

**Price: \$10 Product Code: G4**



## Feminist fashion for the whole family!



# Feminist Videos & Music



### Killing in the Name of Life Video

This short, educational video documents the domestic terrorism campaign carried out by the anti-abortion movement against reproductive health clinics nationwide. See actual footage of key players in the

anti-abortion movement participating in the harassment of doctors, clinic workers, clinic escorts, and patients, and learn about their network to terrorize abortion providers.

**Price: \$19.95 Product Code: V10**

### Women of the World Notecards

Support the International Women's Democracy Center (IWDC) with your purchase of these beautifully photographed Women of the World notecards! A portion of the proceeds from these notecards support the work of the IWDC to train women around the world how to run for office, lobby their legislators, and advocate for issues central to their communities. One pack of notecards contains 10 cards and envelopes.

**Price: \$20 Product Code: G19**



### Revelations: Exposing the Radical Right

Introduced at Feminist Expo 2000, "Revelations:

Exposing the Radical Right," produced and directed by Feminist Majority Foundation board member Lorraine Sheinberg, is an eye-opening 18-minute documentary video that exposes the convergence of right-wing political, religious and economic forces in the U.S. from the 1970s to the present.

**Price: \$19.95 Product Code: V7**



### Women, Live From Mountain Stage

Feminists of all ages will enjoy this diversified collection of women's music! Alternative, blues, folk, rock, and world-

beat genres are sung by women such as the Indigo Girls and Emmylou Harris! A must-have for any music lover!

**Price: \$15 Product Code: G3**



### Never Go Back: The Threat To Legalized Abortion

Produced by FMF Board Member Lorraine Sheinberg and narrated by Carrie Fisher, this 15-minute video outlines the threat that upcoming Supreme Court retirements pose to

accessible, legal abortion in the United States. Learn why a filibuster in the US Senate may be the

most viable strategy to prevent *Roe v. Wade* from being overturned, and how you can help.

**Price: \$19.95 Product Code: V9**



### Women's Work

"Women's Work" features 13 women who are not only gifted singers, but accomplished song-writers. Laura Love, Ani DiFranco, Toni Childs, Toshi

Reagon, Catie Curtis, Janis Ian, Vonda Shepard, Barbara Kessler, Fiona Joyce, Ferron, and Christine Kane join together to make for an entertaining CD full of feminist music.

**Price: \$15 Product Code: G9**

### Feminist Expo 2000 General Assembly Videos

**Assembly I:** "The Feminist Movement Today: Milestones of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" 2.5 hours

**Price: \$29.95 Product Code: V1**

**Assembly II:** "Follow the Money: Winning Women's Economic Empowerment" 2.5 hours

**Price: \$29.95 Product Code: V2**

**Assembly III:** "Countering the Radical Right and Winning Political Equality for Women" 3 hours

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