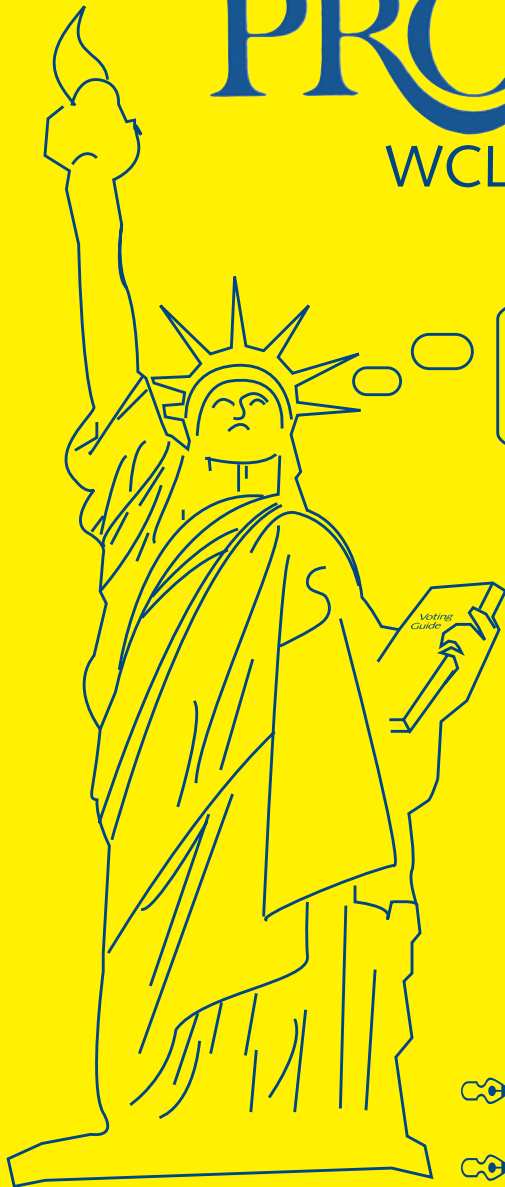


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VOTE NOV. 8, 2005

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

9th Judicial District

Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties
(Vote for four)

JONATHAN LIPPMAN (R, D, C, I, W)

Stewart Rosenwasser** (R, C, I)

Matthew Byrne** (R, C, I)

Joseph Alessandro** (R, D, C, I)

WILLIAM KELLY (D, W)

LEWIS LUBELL (D, W)

ELAINE SLOBOD (W)

John J Broderick (RTL)

Anthony D Zepf (RTL)

William T Conroy JR (RTL)

COUNTY COURT JUDGE

(Vote for one)

Charles Devlin (R, C, W)

SUSAN CACACE (D, I)

Raymond W Belair (RTL)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE

(Vote for one)

IRENE RATNER (R,C,I)

COLLEEN DUFFY (D,W)

Mary N Clark (RTL)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Rob Astorino (R, C)

ANDY SPANO* (D,I,W)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JANET DIFIORE (R, C, I)

TONY CASTRO (D, W)

Anthony J De Cintio Jr (RTL)

COUNTY CLERK

LINDA DOHERTY (R, C, I)

TIMOTHY C IDONI (D, W)

Gregory F Spero (RTL)

Key to ratings:

ENDORSED

PRO-CHOICE, NOT ENDORSED

Anti-choice

* Incumbent

** Former RTL

WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR

● District 1

Peekskill, Buchanan, parts of Yorktown and Cortlandt

George Oros* (R, C, I)

Domenic Volpe (D)

● District 2

Mt. Kisco, Bedford, North Salem, Lewisboro, Pound Ridge and part of Somers

URSULA LAMOTTE* (R,C,I)

● District 3

North Castle, Pleasantville, and parts of Harrison, Mt. Pleasant and Briarcliff Manor

Suzanne Swanson (R, C, I)

● District 4

New Castle and parts of Yorktown, and Somers

Rand Neveloff (R, C)

MICHAEL KAPLOWITZ* (D, I, W)

● District 5

Scarsdale, parts of White Plains

CASS CIBELLI (R, C)

WILLIAM RYAN* (D, I, W)

● District 6

Rye Brook, Port Chester, and parts of Harrison and Rye Town

Michael Ladore (R, C)

MARTIN ROGOWSKY* (D, I, W)

● District 7

Rye City, Mamaroneck Town, Larchmont, and parts of the Village of Mamaroneck, New Rochelle and Rye Town

DONALD MARCH (R, C)

JUDY MYERS* (D, I, W)

● District 8

Elmsford, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and parts of White Plains, Greenburgh and Mt. Pleasant

LOIS BRONZ* (D, W)

Parties: R: Republican D: Democrat I: Independence C: Conservative RTL: Right to Life W: Working Families

WCLA—Choice Matters Endorsement Policy, 2005

WCLA—Choice Matters endorsements are made by its Board of Directors.

Endorsement is considered only for those who unequivocally support:

- access to abortion and contraception for all women, unimpeded by laws, restrictions, or regulation;
- strict confidentiality for all reproductive health care;
- coverage by public and private insurance of abortion and contraception.

To be considered for endorsement, candidates must complete and return WCLA—Choice Matters' questionnaire and participate in an interview if requested.

If opponents each are deemed pro-choice, endorsement will be determined on an individual basis.

Judicial candidates: To be eligible for endorsement, judicial candidates must participate in an interview if requested by WCLA—Choice Matters, and neither seek nor accept the Right to Life Party nomination.

● District 9

Croton, Town and Village of Ossining, parts of Briarcliff Manor and Cortlandt

WILLIAM BURTON (D, I, W)

Nancy Tejada-Ward (C)

● District 10

Tuckahoe and parts of New Rochelle and Eastchester

VITO PINTO* (D, I, W)

● District 11

Pelham, Pelham Manor and parts of New Rochelle

JAMES MAISANO* (R, C, I, W)

● District 12

Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Irvington and parts of Greenburgh

THOMAS ABINANTI* (D, I, W)

John Gilligan (C)

● District 13

Parts of Mt. Vernon

Barbara Snyder (R, C)

CLINTON YOUNG JR* (D, I)

● District 14

Parts of Yonkers and Mt. Vernon

BERNICE SPRECKMAN* (R,C, I,W)

● District 15

Bronxville and parts of Yonkers and Eastchester

Gordon Burrows* (R, C)

Albert Sorano (D)

Mario Castaldo (I)

● District 16

Parts of Yonkers

Cicely Greaves-Vega (R, C, I)

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS* (D, W)

● District 17

Parts of Yonkers

PHIL GILLE (R, C, I)

JOSE ALVARADO* (D)

Jason Butler (W)

WCLA-Choice Matters Endorses Andy Spano For County Executive Opponent Rob Astorino Endorsed by the Right to Life Party*

In its first yellow voting guide in 1972, WCLA-Choice Matters recommended Andy Spano for Assembly. Thirty-three years later, WCLA—Choice Matters urges voters to re-elect him as County Executive.

As a three-term County Clerk and a two-term County Executive, Andy Spano has been a sponsor of WCLA-Choice Matters and regularly appeared at WCLA-Choice Matters events and press conferences. He has worked to ensure that Westchester County Democratic candidates support women's reproductive rights.

Spano's initiative, in 2000, making prescription contraceptives available to county employees participating in the county's health benefit plan, underscored the impact a County Executive has on reproductive rights.

Astorino: The Extreme Right

Endorsed by the Right to Life Party, Rob Astorino has said that choice has little to do with the operation of county government. How misleading! Reproductive rights have everything to do with county government and choice always matters, on all levels of elected office. As detailed in the Summer 2005 newsletter, school boards decide which programs to offer: abstinence-only or comprehensive sex education. Town governments influence the direction of police departments,

Castro: A Win For Westchester!

Tony Castro is WCLA-Choice Matters' choice for Westchester District Attorney. He unequivocally supports a woman's right to choose and understands the reproductive health issues confronting women. Castro has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of current issues and threats to reproductive rights.

Castro's qualifications as an aggressive prosecutor include 14 years of experience as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx. He earned a reputation for being tough but fair, honest, and ethical. Hired out of law school by the legendary Bronx District Attorney, Mario Merola, Castro rose through the ranks. In 1997, Castro became Deputy Chief of Homicides and the Supreme Court Bureau under Risa Sugarman, the first woman to hold the position of Chief of Homicides in the Bronx DA's office. He then went on to serve as Deputy Chief of Homicides and the Grand Jury Evaluation Bureau.

Castro trained hundreds of Assistant DAs, supervising

and the expenditure of tax dollars. On a county-wide level, the impact is profound. (See Page 4.)

Astorino knows this but does not want you, the voter, to focus on these facts. He wants people to focus their attention elsewhere. Astorino's literature does not state his anti-choice position or carry the Right to Life endorsement. Why not? Does he want to mislead voters?

In office, Astorino could submit a budget



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Idoni: Best Choice For Clerk

New Rochelle Mayor Brings Professional Management Experience & Impeccable Choice Credentials To County-Wide Race

Tim Idoni understands in the most personal terms the essential importance of protecting a woman's right to choose. Throughout his public career, Idoni has been a vigorous advocate for reproductive freedom, often demonstrating great political courage on behalf of choice.

Of particular note has been Idoni's steadfast support of Planned Parenthood, which came under fire from local anti-choice activists when it opened a new center in downtown New Rochelle. Some officials might have shrunk from controversy. Idoni, by contrast, stood openly with Planned Parenthood, placing the city's leadership firmly on the side of reproductive health care.

Beyond his commitment to choice, Idoni brings extraordinary experience and talent to the challenges of the Clerk's Office. As Mayor of New Rochelle, the seventh largest city in New York State, Idoni led a dramatic economic renaissance, adopted a wide range of environmental initiatives, and oversaw the management of a \$100 million annual budget. Prior

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Got Choices?

by Catherine Lederer-Plaskett
President/Chair of the Board

Tonight, as I was cooking dinner, my 12-year-old son and I caught the Channel 12 news—more correctly we caught the commercials. Together we witnessed a propaganda commercial put forth by a group called Silent No More, an extremist anti-choice group that misrepresents the position of choice advocates and of those who have had abortions. The next half hour of news offered another anti-choice commercial by a supposedly different group. My son looked at me in that special way and said, “Mom, what are you going to do?” I do love my children for thinking that I can fix all that is bad in the world, but I am troubled by the great burden I feel on my shoulders from such devotion. My six-year-old then asked me if I dislike those people who made the commercial as much as I do President Bush.

Good question, but not easily answered. I don't like liars or the self-righteous, on either side of any issue. I don't believe that a unilateral right and wrong exists in regard to anything. Perhaps that is why I am so comfortable with the idea of “choice.”

I adore my children. I had them 'late,' as compared to women who had their kids in their teens or twenties. I planned them; I had birth control; I married late, for those who consider 33 late. All of this was “choice,” and now I choose to drive them to school, go to work,



and then go back to pick them up at the end of the day. Choices.

I respect the women who go to work differently, stay at home differently, or anything in between. Choices are rarely arbitrary. Generally, they are affected by the situations in which people find themselves: school, finances, other children, men/husbands/partners, etc. Going back to school to further one's skills and knowledge is a choice dictated by finances, time, interest, and additional commitments. The expression “until you have walked in another man's/woman's shoes...” is unquestionably true.

The very idea of 'choice' seems to make some people nervous—as though they were giving up control. Those who are uncomfortable with *choice* are only set at ease by definitive answers. They are unsettled by the non-formulated, the non-definitive...the non-totalitarian. I listen to those people but I cannot respond sympathetically to them. They do not subscribe to the same amazing aspects of democracy that I believe have provoked the greatest achievements in this country like equal rights, voters' rights, Title IX, etc. I cannot motivate those people to step beyond their own boundaries; but, hopefully, I can inspire my children to reach for the stars, to right the wrongs they see, to not give in, to fight back when they see injustice. I can teach it, but it will be their choice to do it or not, regardless I will love them. I have made my choices; now they must make theirs.

Sadly, perhaps, their greatest lesson will be: take nothing for granted. Many of our country's greatest achievements over the last 200 years appear particularly tenuous these days. Laws and budgets are being passed that look to undo what the courts have not yet revisited. The present administration has packed the Circuit Courts of Appeals with conservative extremists who are now in a position to decide cases about abortion rights, gay rights, redistricting, affirmative action—to name just a few. Appeals Court justices are also in a position to move cases on to the US Supreme Court where Chief Justice Roberts, possibly Harriet Miers, and the seven other justices will decide. They will focus on *choices*. They will determine how to apply the Constitution to the cases that come before them. It will be their *choice* of whether the Constitution should be considered in strict constructionist terms, or interpreted in light of present day society. In the end, these justices will decide; they will say who's got them; who doesn't; and what, if any—choices that is—are permitted to exist at all.

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Editorials

Janet DiFiore: Losing WCLA-Choice Matters' Support

WCLA-Choice Matters' endorsement policy is clear. Listed among other important requirements and considerations, the policy states that questionnaires are not sent to those candidates who seek the Right to Life (RTL) party line. Further, WCLA-Choice Matters board members seek consistency between candidates' actions and questionnaire responses. Attention is given to possible attempts to mislead voters.

Janet DiFiore's actions, as reported in The New York Times, September 27, 2005, run counter to these conditions. Attorneys for DiFiore "mounted a campaign to remove the Right to Life party from the ballot..." because "...it could have cleared the way for Mrs. DiFiore to win the 2 to 5 percent of voters who typically vote for the Right to Life party." The Westchester County Board of Elections rejected DiFiore's attorneys' efforts. Prior to actions taken by DiFiore's attorneys, RTL candidate for DA, Anthony DeCintio Jr., had been approached by a person on behalf of DiFiore's husband, Dennis Glazer, and asked to step aside.

WCLA-Choice Matters board members recognize that candidates frequently challenge petitions submitted by their opponents to appear, for example, on the

Supreme Decisions

October 3, 2005—the day President Bush nominated Harriet Miers to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court—may very well go down in history as the Armageddon for progressive causes.

The nomination of John Roberts for the Supreme Court, and then for Chief Justice, was frightening because he had a very limited public record, and because George W. Bush had clearly thought outside the proverbial box in nominating him. After all, other than being appointed to the US Circuit Court of Appeals, *under this president*, less than two and a half years ago, and with very few actual decisions, Roberts had no track record—no employment history, no publications, no special gift other than birth right—that should have given him the right to be considered for the most powerful job in the country—much less for him to get it. But he was, and he did.

The successful nomination of Roberts showed this

Conservative, Independence, or Working Families party lines. The goal of these challenges is to eliminate an opponent from a party line and, thereby, increase one's own chances of winning.

The RTL Party, however, is not like these other political groups. It is a one-issue organization with a mission that is directly counter to that of WCLA-Choice Matters. Its voters are focused on denying a woman the right to terminate a pregnancy and, for many RTL party members, the right to any form of birth control.

Just as WCLA-Choice Matters voters consider a candidate's position on choice, so do RTL voters. It is their number one issue.

Apparently, DiFiore had hoped that by eliminating DeCintio, she would have become the candidate for the RTL voters who control as much as 2 to 5 percent of the vote.

WCLA-Choice Matters' Endorsements: A Careful Process

WCLA-Choice Matters' annual process of making candidate endorsements is deliberate and arduous.

With the exception of judicial candidates and those candidates who in the past were endorsed by the Right to Life Party or who otherwise are known to be unresponsive to abortion rights, WCLA-Choice Matters mails each candidate a detailed questionnaire seeking his/her public position on reproductive rights and timely delivery of reproductive health services.

The questionnaire is redrawn each year, as old issues disappear and new issues emerge.

All candidates are given the opportunity to rethink their previously represented positions. Even strongly pro-choice or anti-choice incumbents are queried, just in case of a change of mind.

If a candidate misses the deadline, WCLA-Choice Matters follows up with phone calls, frequently another copy of the questionnaire, and then a letter. WCLA-Choice Matters is more interested in ascertaining the candidate's position than in strict adherence to a due date.

Each questionnaire is reviewed as it is returned. If the questionnaire reveals inconsistencies in a generally

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Reproductive Rights, A County Issue? ABSOLUTELY!

The County is the primary health services provider in Westchester. WCLA-Choice Matters wants a county government that makes reproductive health care a top priority within the health services departments. The County has a direct affect on:

Budget issues: The departments that relate to women and families comprise a large portion of the county budget.
County Medical Center: The County Board of Legislators (CBL) confirms appointments to the hospital board and in turn ultimately controls whether the hospital will continue to provide abortions. The CBL enters into contracts with the

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that cuts family planning, child care, the office for women, and women's projects. He could appoint anti-choice individuals to key positions, such as Commissioners of Health, Corrections, Social Services, Hospitals, and the Medical Center board. He could lobby for federal and state anti-choice legislation, and sign anti-choice local laws.

Astorino exercised choice when he chose to be anti-choice and to cede the pro-choice vote to Andy Spano. On November 8, Westchester voters should exercise their right to choose by re-electing pro-choice County Executive Andy Spano!

*"Right to Life, 9th Judicial District," www.righttolife-9jd.com

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to becoming Mayor, Idoni was a municipal manager and affordable housing professional. It is difficult to imagine a candidate more fully prepared to be an outstanding County Clerk.

Although the County Clerk does not have direct responsibilities related to health care or civil liberties, WCLA—Choice Matters believes it is essential to have champions of reproductive freedom in all positions of public trust, particularly those with a County-wide scope and platform. By electing Tim Idoni, Westchester can place the County Clerk's Office in the most capable professional hands, while ensuring vigorous advocacy for choice.

Idoni's opponent, Linda Doherty, is also pro-choice. WCLA—Choice Matters urges Doherty to continue her political involvement. However, in this race, Idoni's track record and leadership spanning many years make him the clear-cut winner of WCLA—Choice Matters' endorsement.



Medical Center to provide services to inmates of the county jail.

County Health Department: The County decides whether County Health Department clinics will provide reproductive health services, counseling, and referral for abortions.

Department of Social Services (DSS): The DSS administers the system by which pregnant women can get fast-track Medicaid eligibility for pregnancy-related conditions, including abortion. The CBL oversees DSS to ensure that a full range of reproductive services are provided by HMOs to those who are eligible for DSS assistance.

County Jail: The CBL decides whether inmates will get pregnancy tests, abortions, and prenatal care on request and without delay.

Commissioners: The County Executive appoints, and County legislators vote to confirm, commissioners. Commissioners important to the pro-choice issue are: Health, Social Services, and Corrections.

Citizen Information Service: The County decides whether it will provide referrals to clients for family planning and abortions.

Office for Women: The County Executive and the CBL determine the budget and the number of positions in an office that provides a wide range of services and information for women.

Women's Advisory Board: The County Executive and the CBL determine the make-up of the Women's Advisory Board.

Legislation on other levels of government: The County lobbies on state and federal issues that relate to reproductive health care. The CBL votes on resolutions supporting or opposing legislation at higher levels of government.

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over 40 at a time who indicted more than 1,000 cases per year. He personally managed violent felony trials as a member of the Supreme Court Bureau. Castro's opponent, Janet DiFiore, has been endorsed in the past. However, in the race for DA, DiFiore is rated pro-choice, not endorsed. Tony Castro will be a strong and responsive DA on all issues including women's reproductive rights!

**Protect Your Rights!
Vote!**

Co-Endorsement: What Does It Mean?

WCLA—Choice Matters favors incumbents who have been leaders or helpful over pro-choice challengers. However, in those instances where incumbents have not been leaders on choice and do not merit support over a pro-choice challenger, and where the challenger has no pro-choice track record, WCLA—Choice Matters will often co-endorse the two candidates.

Co-endorsement was given in one County Board of Legislators race. In District 17, which comprises parts of Yonkers, Democratic incumbent Jose Alvarado shares the endorsement with challenger Phil Gille.

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nation how very important it is to stand for nothing, on paper. For many, though, there was security in the revelation that one bad apple was simply being replaced by another, younger though he may be: Roberts for Rehnquist.

Miers is a different story. She would be replacing the so-called swing vote, O'Connor—the vote that has preserved

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pro-choice set of responses, the candidate is phoned to explain the intent of the question and discuss the issue. Candidates are permitted to change an answer if they so wish. Occasionally a candidate is asked to meet with president and board chair Catherine Lederer-Plaskett to make sure that WCLA—Choice Matters has a clear understanding of the candidate's position on choice.

All endorsements are made on a strictly non-partisan basis. WCLA—Choice Matters' board of directors reviews the questionnaires and discusses incumbents' records, leadership, and helpfulness during the legislative session. The board also reviews the opponents' records. Board members seek consistency between candidates' actions and questionnaire responses. Attention is given to possible attempts to mislead the voter. Each race is voted separately. This process can take hours, with most of the time spent on a few races.

a woman's right to choose in this country. Ironically, no one thought of O'Connor as particularly progressive until George W. Bush came into office.

Miers, like Roberts, is an invisible person. She has very little written record for which one can hold her accountable. What the public does know is that she is a so-called born again Christian. She was a Roman Catholic who converted to

evangelical Christianity in her thirties and attends the Valley View Christian Church, "where antiabortion literature is sometimes distributed and tapes from the conservative group Focus on the Family are sometimes screened." (*The New York Times*, October 5, 2005) As president of the Texas Bar Association, she worked unsuccessfully to overturn the group's support for abortion rights. She has contributed to anti-choice groups; and when running for Dallas City Council, she claimed to support equal rights for gay men and lesbians, although she did not support a repeal of the sodomy ban. From all of that, one can only conclude that it is very hard to hang a label on a ghost.

The most damaging information is that Bush says that they are of the same mind on all relevant issues, and that she has supported her president unquestioningly for years.

If the extreme conservatives, who have been the president's base, can be convinced of Mier's value to them, then all who believe in equal rights, civil rights, the environment,...anything beyond a reactionary interpretation of the Bible and the total dominance of US conservative extremist culture, have a great deal about which to worry.

From Our Archives:



EC Over The Counter

New York: Waiting

When WCLA—Choice Matters' summer 2005 Pro-Choice newsletter went to press, hope was in the air for EC in New York State. Assemblywoman Amy Paulin had once again ushered *The Unintended Pregnancy Prevention Act*, which would allow EC to be distributed by pharmacies and registered nurses through non-specific prescriptions, through the Assembly, and Senator Nick Spano had guided it through the Senate. All that was necessary was for Governor Pataki to sign the bill into law.

Unfortunately it was not to be. Reminding New Yorkers of why the NYS and Westchester Right to Life Party endorsed him in 1984, '86, and '88, Pataki vetoed the bill. The conditions he placed on its passage were quite extensive. Clearly Pataki is more concerned with his political future on the national stage than with the health and safety of the women of New York State.

Hopefully, in the next legislative session, New York can follow Massachusetts' lead of having a veto-proof margin in both houses of the legislature. Despite a veto by the Massachusetts governor, Massachusetts residents now have expanded access to EC.

FDA: Still Stalling

The FDA has still refused to issue a final decision on the sale of EC over the counter. In May, 2004, Dr. Steven Galson, acting director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, rejected the FDA's own expert

advisory committees' recommendations, and refused to allow Plan B (a type of EC) to be sold over-the-counter. A "nonapprovable" letter signed by Dr. Galson was sent to Barr Laboratories the manufacturer of Plan B.

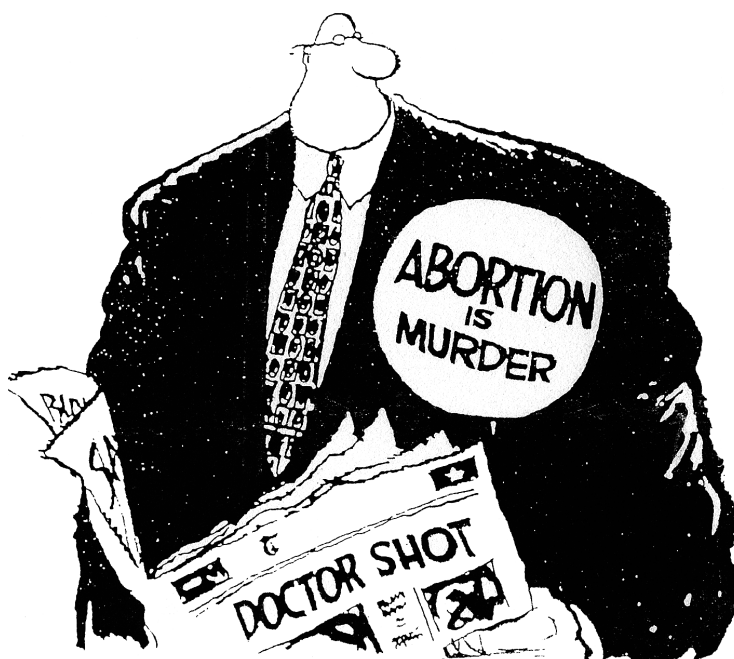
Barr Laboratories revised its application, and resubmitted it. The FDA then failed to make a decision on the application by the statutory deadline in January.

In an attempt to force a decision on Plan B by the FDA, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Patty Murray placed "holds" on Dr. Lester Crawford's nomination to head the FDA. Dr. Crawford had been the acting commissioner of the FDA since March 2004. It was during his tenure that the FDA had delayed indefinitely making Plan B available over the counter.

In response to the Senators' "holds," administration officials stated the agency would issue a decision on Plan B by September 1. In turn, the senators allowed the nomination to proceed. Dr. Crawford was confirmed on July 18. (Crawford has subsequently resigned for unrelated reasons.)

Despite its commitment, the FDA has again announced that it would further delay a final ruling on Plan B. Susan F. Wood, Assistant FDA Commissioner for Women's Health, resigned her position in protest. Wood wrote in her email announcing her resignation, "I can no longer serve as staff when scientific and clinical evidence, fully evaluated and recommended for approval by the professional staff here, has been overruled."

It is clear that disregarding the FDA's own advisors and continuing to delay a decision on Plan B has everything to do with politics and nothing to do with science.



Lest We Forget . . .

From an article by Stephanie Brown, In These Times, July 19-August 1, 1989.

"Just take off your panties an' lie down, darlin'," "Mrs. Jones," my "obstetrician," told me.

I did it.
She went into the other room and came back with a long, red tube. Later my friend explained that this was a surgical catheter with one end sealed. The catheter was supposed to be inserted into my womb, and a few hours later the presence of this foreign body would cause me to abort naturally. I would "have" the baby.

I opened my legs, and Mrs. Jones went to work. She sweated and grunted. She couldn't seem to find my cervix, where the tube needed to be inserted. I felt no pain. At last she said that the tube was in place, that I should go home and wait.

I gave her my \$150.
Ida took me home. I paid off the baby-sitter, gave my kids supper and waited. Nothing happened.

So I called Ida. She said it had been too long, maybe we'd have to go back to Mrs. Jones, but that she would al-

most certainly want more money.
I hung up the phone and went into the bathroom to check the tube. It had fallen out.

I thought it over. I now had the tube. I knew where my cervix was better than Mrs. Jones. I, moreover, understood the value of sterilization and the danger of infection. And, most important of all, I cared whether or not I survived this damned procedure. I decided to do it myself...

Then, I went into the kitchen and put a big kettle of water on to boil. I took some picture wire from the kitchen drawer (to stiffen the catheter). I boiled the catheter and the wire for half an hour and took them, still in the kettle, into the bathroom to cool. Then I washed the toilet seat, my thighs, arms and hands with liquid Phisohex soap... I sat down on the toilet seat and threaded the wire into the tube. Then I put my feet up, one on the towel rack and one on the sink, and leaned back.

I reached a finger up my vaginal canal and found my cervix. Then I took a deep breath...and started the end of the tube into my cervix...I carefully withdrew the wires as I inserted the

tube further and further, never allowing the wire inside my uterus, where anything rigid might cause a fatal puncture. The tube seemed miles long, but finally it was all, except for a short tail I left dangling, inside me. I optimistically put on a sanitary napkin.

Then I laid my will on the pillow next to me and went to sleep.

I awoke early the next morning with cramps. I smiled to realize that I was, so far, okay-no fever, no hemorrhaging. I went into the bathroom and found that the bleeding had started. I slowly removed the tube...

The bleeding was heavy now, and unusually large clots were coming through... I felt a bit lightheaded but kept going... The bleeding subsided and I recuperated without event...

For years after that I hung onto my precious red catheter. Catheters were hard to come by then, as surgical supply houses knew that midwives and registered nurses were using them to perform illegal abortions.

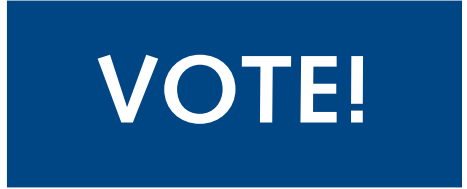
I hid mine under the lingerie in my top drawer until abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973. Then, glad to be rid of the thing that I had so both hated and needed, I took it out to the incinerator of our apartment building hallway and burned it.

Nightmares of Today: Amy

From "Legal but Out of Reach: Experiences from the National Network of Abortion Funds," 1997, National Network of Abortion Funds.

Amy was a streetwise 17-year-old mother from West Philadelphia. She had been living with her grandmother for the last three years because her mother was in prison, but their relationship was strained. Her toddler lived with his other new grandmother. When she became pregnant again, Amy knew that she could not get an abortion with her insurance card. She had no way of raising hundreds of dollars for an abortion. In desperation, Amy drank a bottle of rubbing alcohol, thinking it would cause a miscarriage. She was taken to the burn unit of a nearby hospital.

While still in intensive care, Amy said that she would try again to self-abort as soon as she got out of the hospital, and would do whatever it took, no matter how self-destructive. Although privately sympathetic, no doctor at the Catholic hospital would sign for her to have an abortion under Pennsylvania's "life-threat" exception to the Medicaid abortion ban. A nurse on the night shift put her in touch with the Greater Philadelphia Women's Medical Fund, which paid the full fee for Amy's early abortion.



Finding Religion

Whether when watching the stockmarket or one of VH1's hottest shows, finding religion has become easy. It has become one of the most powerful marketing tools of the 21st century.

Religious symbols are the hot new ticket for selling almost anything. Companies like True Religion Inc., a designer jeans manufacturer, and Virgins, Saints and Angels, a jeweled accessory maker, sell trendy items with holy allure. The merchandise is not marketed to a niche consumer, but rather the general public.

This godly gear is surprisingly expensive. For a whopping \$300 the consumer can purchase a pair of jeans or a jeweled Virgin Mary belt buckle. The items are seductive, and anything but holy.

Why We Vote

Representative Nita M. Lowey

For the first time since *Roe v. Wade*, anti-choice politicians are in control of the White House and Congress, and are only one Supreme Court vacancy away from dismantling a woman's freedom to choose. For those who do not believe that it is absolutely critical to vote in every election—local, state, and federal—the recent vacancies on the Supreme Court illustrate that every vote has a lasting impact.

It is our elected officials—our senators, who determine which candidates, nominated by the President, are actually appointed to the Bench. State senators make that determination for candidates nominated by governors. State courts can play a key role in determining which cases reach the federal courts. Decisions made in the lower federal courts and the Supreme Court are vital to everyone in this country, and particularly to women because so many of our rights have been won through the courts.

I am often asked if I believe that a woman's right to choose could be taken away. It is with enormous sadness that I say yes, I do believe that *Roe v. Wade* could be overturned.

During President Bush's tenure in office, a series of judges have been appointed to the courts who believe *Roe v. Wade* was incorrectly decided. Of the 52 nominations made by President Bush to the federal appeals courts, not one has any public record in support of *Roe v. Wade*. President Bush has



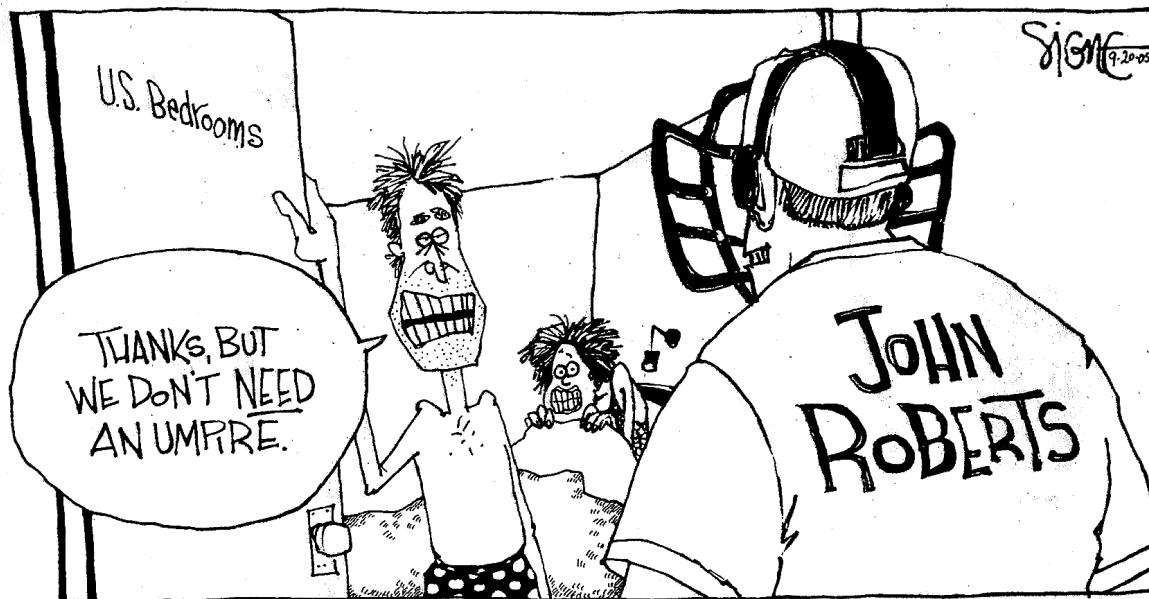
publicly stated, during his 2000 and 2004 campaigns, that he would nominate justices to the Supreme Court in the mold of Justices Thomas and Scalia—both of whom believe *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned.

The retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist could have a dramatic impact on a woman's constitutionally protected right to abortion. The two most significant cases dealing with reproductive rights in the last decade, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and *Stenberg v. Carhart*, have been decided by the narrowest of margins—a vote of 5-4.

Retiring Justice O'Connor is the swing vote when it comes to protecting choice. In the 1992 *Casey* decision, she cast the deciding vote to preserve the constitutional right to abortion. In 2000, O'Connor voted with the majority, in the 5-4 decision, to strike down Nebraska's abortion ban. Had she voted differently in either case, reproductive rights would have been substantially undercut or eliminated. Clearly the person selected to replace her on the court is critical for women.

The next Court will definitely decide some of the most important reproductive rights cases: from parental consent laws to restrictions on abortion procedures; from access to contraception to government access to patients' medical records. The positions of both Chief Justice John Roberts and nominee Harriet Miers, on women's rights, are unclear. However, given what little information is available—and the views of the President who nominated them—it is unlikely either one will follow in the moderate footsteps of O'Connor.

We are facing this potential rollback of rights in the courts because of losses at the ballot box in the November 2004 Presidential election. More than ever, we see that it is critical to mobilize voters to support pro-choice candidates in every election. I urge all New Yorkers to vote for pro-choice candidates so that our rights are protected at every level of government.



Judges: Who Will Decide?

Voters will choose four NYS Supreme Court judges, one County Court judge, and one Family Court judge on November 8. All courts handle abortion-related cases from different legal perspectives.

Unlike those running for political office, candidates for judge may not offer opinions on disputed legal and political issues. WCLA-Choice Matters does not send questionnaires, but discusses with candidates their general philosophies regarding pregnant women and the law. We do not compromise their judicial integrity and do not ask how they would rule on any case.

Supreme Court

WCLA-Choice Matters is proud to endorse:

Jonathan Lippman is the Chief Administrative Judge of all New York State Courts. In that capacity, he oversees the administration and operation of a court system with a \$2.1 billion budget, 3,600 state and locally paid judges, and 16,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 locations around the state.

Lewis Lubell is an Acting Village Justice in the Village Justice Court of Ardsley. In addition to having been a senior trial attorney, his legal experience includes trial

experience in county, state, and federal Courts.

William Kelly is a Rockland County Justice. He has served as Clarkstown Town Justice.

Elaine Slobod is an Acting Supreme Court Justice and Orange County Surrogate Court judge. She has served on the Orange County Family Court and the Middletown City Court.

Voters Remember and Beware:

Last year, three candidates—Joseph Alessandro, Matthew Byrne, and Stewart Rosenwasser—appeared on the RTL line when running for NYS Supreme Court. They did not just take the line; they collected signatures to resurrect the line.* The good news is they lost; the bad news is that they're back but not on the RTL line. They must be hoping that the voters don't remember 2004!

RTL candidates this year are John Broderick, Anthony Zepf, and William Conroy.

The possibility that any of these six candidates might be elected should instill fear in all of us!

County Court

Susan Cacace is WCLA-Choice Matters' pick for County Court judge. Cacace

was a prosecutor in the Westchester County District Attorney's office for 14 years and is presently a criminal defense attorney in private practice.

Both of her opponents, Charles Devlin and Raymond Belair, are anti-choice. Belair appears on the RTL line.

Family Court

Colleen Duffy and **Irene Ratner** have both received WCLA-Choice Matters' endorsement in the past and do so again this year. They both have extensive experience. The pro-choice community will be well served by electing either of these two candidates.

Their anti-choice opponent, Mary N. Clark, is the RTL party candidate.

**To retain a place automatically on the ballot, a party must receive, at a minimum, a certain percentage of the vote in a gubernatorial election year. The Green Party and the Right to Life Party both failed to reach that minimum in the 2002 election.*

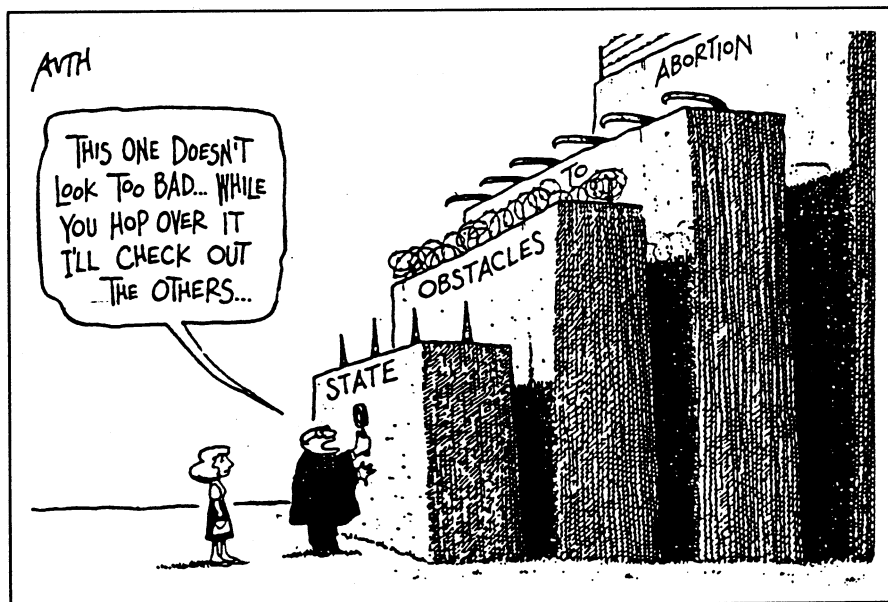
Judges Refusing to Hear Abortion Cases

In 19 states, minors must obtain a parent's permission before they can have an abortion. In 15 other states, minors must notify a parent. In most of these states, the law permits minors to ask a judge for permission to decide for themselves.

Now judges around the country are recusing themselves on "moral grounds." Similar to pharmacists who are refusing to dispense birth control, judges are claiming that abortion is contrary to their beliefs and, therefore, they cannot rule on the minor's case. Although these actions have prompted ethics inquiries, a far more immediate question is, "what about the minor who is losing precious time finding a judge who will hear her case?"

Many adults find comfort in their version of the middle ground; they consider themselves pro-choice but support parental consent and notification laws. No one can mandate family relations. Laws can be passed requiring involvement, but at what expense to the children they are meant to help?

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¡SALUDOS DE WCLA-Choice Matters!

WCLA-Choice Matters tiene el agrado de anunciar que a partir de este momento nuestro boletín informativo contará con una sección en español. Ésta es nuestra manera de decir: “Bienvenidos. Únanse a nosotros para proteger juntos los derechos reproductivos de todas las mujeres.”

La educación es la clave de los derechos reproductivos legales y sin riesgos. Esperamos ser para Uds. un recurso educativo sobre asuntos relacionados con el derecho de la mujer a “decidir” sobre su propio cuerpo.

Nuestros Derechos Legales

En los Estados Unidos, la mujer tiene el derecho a acceder a métodos de control de la natalidad y a decidir dar fin a embarazos no deseados. Estos derechos se lograron a través de decisiones de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos.

El control de la natalidad fue legalizado por la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos a través de los casos *Griswold vs. Connecticut* (1965) y *Eisenstadt vs. Baird* (1972).

En 1973, en su fallo al caso *Roe vs. Wade*, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos determinó que las mujeres tenían el derecho fundamental de obtener abortos legales y seguros.

Estas leyes existen hoy en día. Sin embargo, han sido debilitadas y están bajo constante ataque. A raíz de tres importantes casos (*Harris vs. McRae*, *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services*, y *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania vs. Casey*) se le ha otorgado a cada estado autoridad para establecer muchas restricciones sobre los derechos de la mujer. Desafortunadamente: el gobierno de Bush se opone a TODA forma de control de la natalidad, limitando el control de las mujeres sobre su propio cuerpo.

A diferencia de varios estados, el Estado de Nueva York tiene una legislación eficaz “pro-decisión” (“pro-choice”). Esto se debe al enorme esfuerzo de WCLA-Choice Matters y otras organizaciones “pro-choice.”

En Nueva York, las mujeres pueden recibir cobertura de Medicaid para la utilización de métodos de control de la natalidad, incluyendo el aborto.

La legislación Salud y Bienestar de la Mujer (*Women's Health and Wellness*), que se sancionó con fuerza de ley en 2003, exige a casi todos los empleadores cuyos planes de seguro médico ofrecen planes de prescripción de medicamentos, que cubran todos los medicamentos y métodos anticonceptivos aprobados. También deben cubrir mamografías anuales para la detección del cáncer del seno para todas las mujeres a partir de los 40 años de edad, así como los costos de exámenes Papanicolaou para la detección y prevención del cáncer cervical, y mediciones de densidad ósea.

La legislación sobre Píldoras Anticonceptivas de Emergencia (*Emergency Contraception in the Emergency Room*) se convirtió en ley en 2003. Esta ley determina que toda sobreviviente de ataque sexual reciba asesoramiento sobre la píldora anticonceptiva de emergencia (PAE)*.

Una propuesta de ley llamada Ley de Prevención del Embarazo No Intencionado pasó el Senado y la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York. De haber sido aprobada, habría

permitido que tanto farmacias como enfermeras/os certificadas/os pudieran administrar la PAE --lo que habría significado que las mujeres que hubieran participado de un coito sin protección, habrían podido recibir la PAE sin tener que ir antes al médico. Lamentablemente, el gobernador vetó esta propuesta. Afortunadamente, Nueva York tendrá un nuevo gobernador en el 2006.

Otra propuesta de ley muy importante es la Ley de Adolescentes Saludables (*Healthy Teens Act*). El objetivo de esta propuesta de ley es la educación sexual de los adolescentes, de modo de ayudarlos a que aprendan comportamientos saludables y libres de riesgo. Esta propuesta de ley autorizará a las escuelas y organizaciones locales a desarrollar programas para adolescentes, en sus respectivas comunidades.

Para Que El Estado De Nueva York Siga Siendo Pro-choice Y Pro-mujer

NO es casualidad que el Estado de Nueva York esté considerado un estado decididamente “pro-decisión” (“pro-choice”). WCLA-Choice Matters y otras organizaciones de derechos reproductivos luchan por asegurar que Nueva York siga fiel a su línea de conducta, a pesar de las enormes presiones por parte de grupos anti-abortistas. Nuestro éxito se debe a que nuestras organizaciones difieren en sus funciones. Otros grupos proporcionan servicios reproductivos y presionan al gobierno para que se aprueben ciertas legislaciones. WCLA-Choice Matters tiene su propia función única y específica.

¿Qué es WCLA-Choice Matters?

WCLA-Choice Matters no se parece a ninguna otra organización.

La misión de WCLA-Choice Matters es asegurar que el aborto y la anticoncepción sigan siendo legales y accesibles. Queremos que todas las mujeres puedan tomar sus propias decisiones acerca de la procreación, sin impedimentos o coerciones políticas, sin importar su edad, ingresos, estado civil o su lugar de residencia. Trabajamos para garantizar que los seguros de salud tanto públicos como privados cubran los servicios reproductivos y los anticonceptivos, y que la atención de salud reproductiva sea proporcionada en condiciones de estricta confidencialidad.

Logramos nuestro objetivo consiguiendo que los candidatos “pro-choice” y otros partidarios de nuestra causa, sean elegidos y/o nombrados en todas las áreas y niveles del gobierno. ¿Cómo conseguimos esto? Informándoles a Uds., los votantes, acerca de todas las cuestiones relacionadas con los derechos reproductivos de las mujeres. No solicitamos nada de Uds. EXCEPTO que, si son ciudadanos, voten. Pensamos que un/a votante “pro-choice” bien informado/a es nuestro/a mejor votante.

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¡La Anticoncepción de Emergencia y el RU486 NO son lo mismo!

La Píldora Anticonceptiva de Emergencia (PAE) es un anticonceptivo que, si se toma dentro de las 120 horas después de haber tenido relaciones sexuales sin protección, impide que la mujer quede embarazada. La PAE reduce significativamente —en un 89%— las posibilidades de quedar embarazada. Su acción consiste en interrumpir la ovulación, impidiendo la fecundación del óvulo o impidiendo que el óvulo se implante en el útero. De este modo, la concepción NO se produce.

La Anticoncepción de Emergencia:

- NO es un aborto (funciona inhibiendo la ovulación, la fecundación o la implantación).
- Impide el embarazo.
- Use la PAE cuando falle su método anticonceptivo habitual, o después de un coito sin protección (es decir, si se rompe el condón, en caso de violación, o si dejó de tomar sus pastillas anticonceptivas por dos o más días).
- Deben tomarse dos píldoras:
 - la 1ª. píldora debe tomarse dentro de las 120 horas después del coito.
 - la 2ª. píldora debe tomarse 12 horas después de la 1ª. píldora.
- Está aprobada por la FDA para prevenir el embarazo.
- El precio suele ser unos \$25.
- No se usa para terminar un embarazo.

El RU486 es un tipo de aborto en el que se toman píldoras para terminar un embarazo. Para que dé resultado, las píldoras deben tomarse antes de terminar la novena semana de embarazo. A este tipo de método también se lo llama “un aborto médico.”

RU486:

- Es un Aborto No-Quirúrgico.
- Termina un embarazo por medio de una combinación de píldoras que deben tomarse antes de terminar la novena semana de embarazo, para que resulten efectivas.
- Está aprobado por la FDA para terminar el embarazo.
- El precio suele estar entre los \$350 y los \$575.
- No previene el embarazo.

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¿Qué Hacemos?

- Publicamos tres veces por año un boletín informativo titulado *Pro-Choice*, que ofrece noticias y análisis de noticias que se relacionen y/o incidan en los derechos reproductivos.
- Publicamos la *Guía para Votar Pro-Choice*, la cual da a conocer a qué candidatos respalda WCLA-Choice Matters en cada elección, desde el nivel de la legislatura del condado hasta la elección presidencial.
- Escribimos artículos y cartas a los editores de distintos medios.
- Participamos en entrevistas de radio, canales de cable y periódicos.
- Publicamos una página web: www.choicematters.org.
- Confeccionamos una guía para los candidatos pro-choice, que consiste en un folleto para orientar a los candidatos acerca de una amplia gama de temas, sub-temas y propuestas legislativas relacionadas con el derecho al aborto.
- También hemos iniciado recientemente un programa de extensión para llegar a las universidades del área. Esperamos cooperar con publicaciones estudiantiles y pro-

gramas de estudios de la mujer con el propósito de lograr que nuestro mensaje llegue a un público más joven.

- Nos esforzamos continuamente por expandir nuestra base de datos, contactando a mujeres votantes del Condado de Westchester. (¡Acabamos de ampliar nuestra área de acción hasta incluir el Condado de Montgomery, en Pennsylvania!) Nuestra base de datos contiene en la actualidad aproximadamente 70,000 hogares. Constantemente tratamos de identificar votantes, con la esperanza de que nuestro boletín informativo llegue a todos los hogares “pro-choice.”

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* Una lista de clínicas que proporcionan servicios de aborto puede encontrarse ahora en Internet, en una nueva página publicada por la **National Coalition of Abortion Providers**. Las direcciones de esos sitios son: <http://www.abortionclinic-directory.com> o <http://www.ru486.com> — para ver una lista organizada por estado o por servicios. Según la información en línea, este documento, que se publica bajo el nombre de 'Abortion Clinic Directory' es producto de la Foundation to Preserve Access to Abortion, una organización sin fines de lucro que constituye la rama educativa de la mencionada

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