



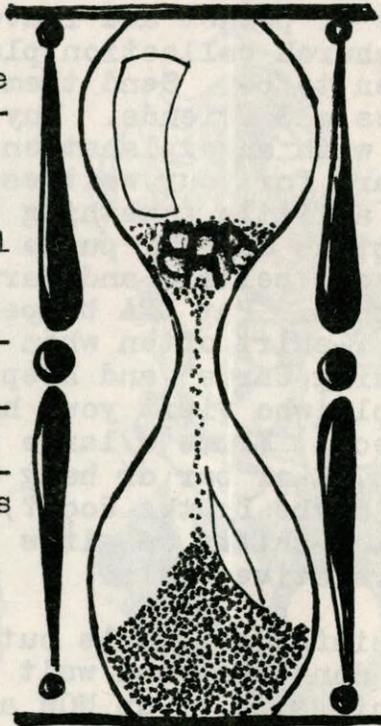
BROADSIDE

HOUSTON AREA NOW BROADSIDE--VOL. 12, No. 6 June, 1981

JUNE 30, 1982 - THE FINAL DATE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE

ERA!

July 1st marks the countdown for the final year for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. If it does not happen by June 30, 1982, we have to begin again--all over again. The present Congress has an attitude toward women not unlike the 1923 Congress, in which the ERA was first presented. The ERA was presented in every Congress from 1923 until 1972, when Congress finally passed the ERA and sent it to the states. This was



a major victory after a FORTY-NINE year battle. But the victory is not complete until three more states ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and it becomes part of our Constitution. We cannot afford to wait another forty-nine years; we cannot let ourselves go down to defeat being so near ratification, and yet so far away. We've got to use every ounce of effort we can muster, and MORE; we've got to get our hands on every penny we can, and MORE. WE MUST NOT FIND OURSELVES ON JUNE 30, 1982, SAYING, "What if we had done this or that?"...

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

WE'VE GOT TO DO IT ALL,

AND WE'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW!



Drawing by Deborah Bell

Commentary by Jan Stevens

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TEN EASY WAYS TO INFORM AND INFLUENCE OTHERS ABOUT THE ERA!

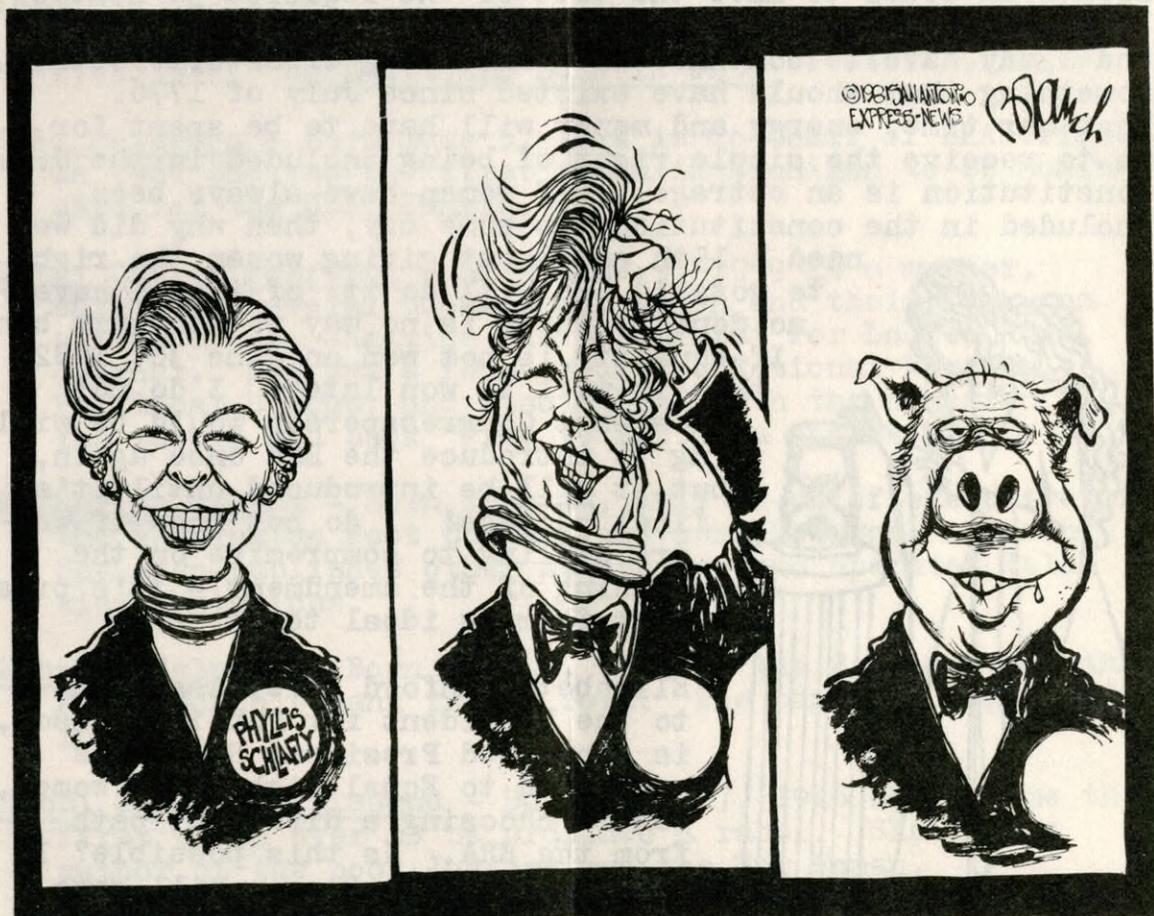
The best way to influence others is to be informed yourself, but beyond that there are other avenues you can take. To begin with you need a stack of ERA business cards with the ERA printed on the front and the unratified states on the back. (you can get these from Jan Stevens, State ERA Task Force Chair. 445-2220) Put a copy of the ERA in your bills when you mail them each month; keep a stack of them out in your home for guests to see and take with them; carry them with you in your purse or pocket and leave a stack in the grocery store, bank, church collection plate or any other public place you happen to be. Send them with birthday cards or letters to relatives and friends. Buy a supply of "59¢" buttons and leave one with an explanation of it written on the back of the ERA card for your waitress or waiter along with their gratuity - a little something extra for their mind. Put various buttons on your purse or jacket as an obvious statement of your beliefs and carry extras to give to those who ask for them. Put ERA bumper stickers on your car and wear your ERA T-shirt often when running errands. Buy "Supersisters Trading Cards" and keep them out in an obvious place for people who visit your home.-they are a great conversation piece. Frame a large copy of the ERA and place it on your t.v. or bar or hang it in a strategic place in your home. (maybe by the door?) Give "Supersisters Trading Cards" and ERA T-shirts as gifts to kids, bosses, co-workers, friends, relatives, etc.

There are a lot of misinformed people out there that you could influence. So, don't sit and wait to get around to doing some of these things. Get up NOW and do them! Get organized and load yourself up with ammunition and supplies and have at it! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you'd like a brochure of available buttons, bumper stickers, matchbooks, posters, coffee cups, yo yo's, etc., write to: Equality Products, 1554 Bardstown, Louisville, Kent. 40205 or phone 502-459-8755.

For T-shirts or "Supersisters Trading Cards" use the form in your National NOW Times, or send \$7.50 with your name and address to box 7813, Washington, D.C. 20044.

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The above cartoon was taken from the Sunday Express-News of San Antonio and submitted by Rudd Rossebo, a long suffering supporter of women's rights, living in Alice, Texas.

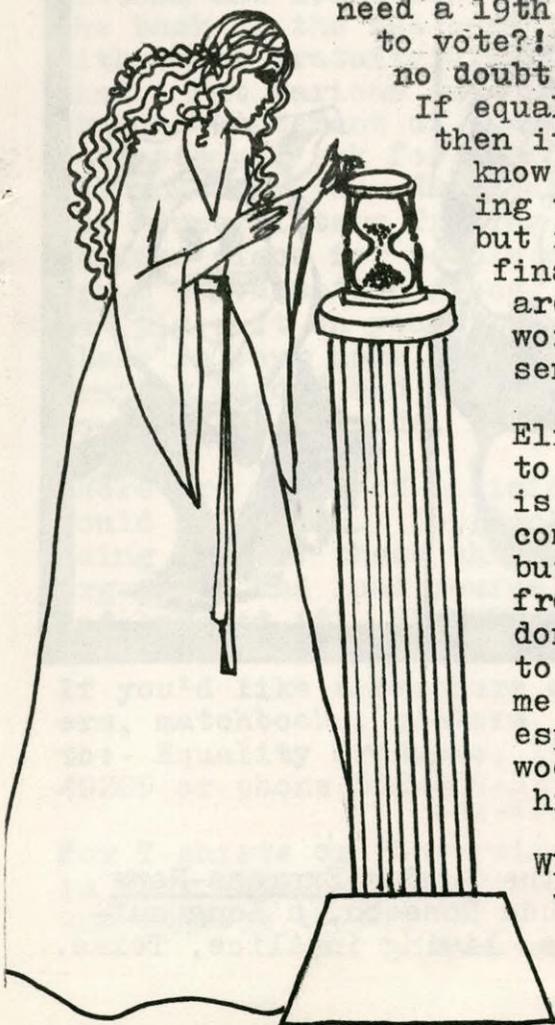
***** ERA - ONE YEAR TO GO *****

An Editorial Commentary by
Deborah Bell

July 1, 1981 will mark one year until the deadline for the ERA to be ratified. We must continue our efforts on all fronts in order to have the vote of the required 38 states by that time. It makes me angry to know that my sisters and I may have to continue the exhausting efforts to obtain something that should have existed since July of 1776. That our time, energy and money will have to be spent for us to receive the simple right of being included in the U.S. constitution is an outrage. (If women have always been included in the constitution, as some say, then why did we need a 19th amendment giving women the right to vote?!) We will do it, of that I have no doubt. There is no way we can turn back. If equality is not won on June 30, 1982, then it will be won later. I do not know what Congressperson would be willing to introduce the ERA once again, but it will be introduced until it's final passage! I do not know if we are willing to compromise on the wording of the amendment - it's present form is ideal to me.

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, is convinced President Reagan is committed to Equal Rights for women, but is choosing a different path from the ERA. Is this possible? I don't think so. Reagan will have to show some tangible evidence for me to believe he supports equality, especially after seeing the way he wooed the anti-ERA forces during his campaign.

Where do we go from here and how do we do it? We reach out for our sisters and brothers to join us. We once again don our white



garments, pick up our banners and march forth. We call out our celebrities and speakers--Betty, Gloria, Bella, Alan, Jean, Ellie, Mary, Marlo and Phil and add our voices to theirs in demanding equality. We will continue our boycott. The first American revolution started because of taxation without representation, perhaps we should refuse to pay taxes. We must walk more determined and we must be victorious!

***** SUPERSISTERS BORN IN JUNE *****

Elly Peterson - Born June 5, 1914 is Co-chair of ERAmerica. In 1964 she was the first woman in Michigan to be nominated for the U.S. Senate.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin - Born June 9, 1939 is a writer, author of several books about women and their work, an editor of Ms. magazine and columnist for Ladies Home Journal. She was a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, and also helped with the creation of the record and book "Free to Be...You and Me."

Katharine Graham - Born June 16, 1917 is chief executive of the Washington Post Company and owns Newsweek magazine. She also publishes other newspapers and operates television stations.

Lynn D. Salvage - Born June 6, 1946 is the President of the First Women's Bank in New York. The bank was organized in 1975.

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand - Born June 27, 1946 she became the first woman ever to be ordained a rabbi. She is the author of the book Judaism and the New Woman.

***** BIRTH CONTROL MESSAGE *****

DID YOU KNOW that birth control pills may become ineffective if you have to take Ampicillin or barbiturates? Well, don't wait to find out. Use additional forms of contraception if they are prescribed.

**Please stop by Houston area NOW's table at the Tex. Conv.!

***** THE LIBERATION OF MEN *****

Let's not forget that when women become liberated, men also will be liberated -- "None of us is free until we are all free..." (E. Glossbrenner) Because June is also a month in which fathers are remembered, in addition to being the one year mark for passage of the ERA, we should maybe look at the male's desire for women's equality. The following piece addresses this extremely well, and we thank Don Stanley for submitting it and bringing it to our attention. (The author is unknown)

FOR EVERY WOMAN...

For every woman who is tired of acting weak when she knows she is strong, there is a man who is tired of appearing strong when he feels vulnerable.

For every woman who is tired of acting dumb, there is a man who is burdened with the constant expectation of "knowing everything."

For every woman who is tired of being called "an emotional female", there is a man who is denied the right to weep and to be gentle.

For every woman who is called unfeminine when she competes, there is a man for whom competition is the only way to prove his masculinity.

For every woman who is tired of being a sex object, there is a man who must worry about his potency.

For every woman who feels "tied down" by her children, there is a man who is denied full pleasures of shared parenthood.

For every woman who is denied meaningful employment or equal pay, there is a man who must bear full financial responsibility for another human being.

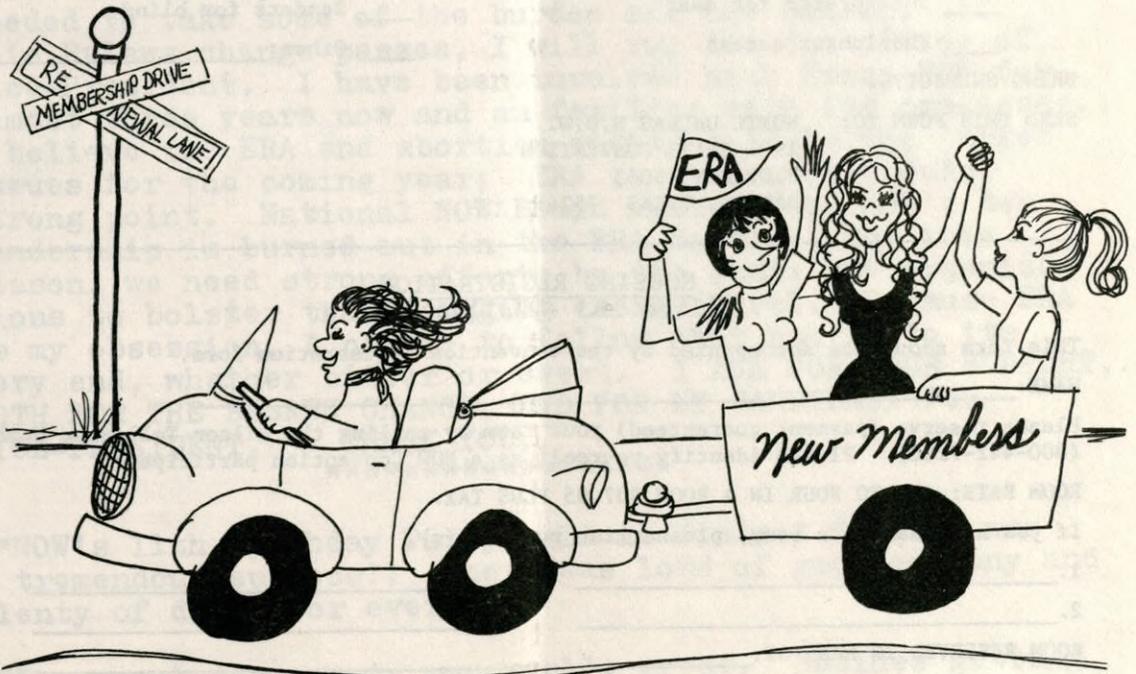
For every woman who takes a step toward her own liberation, there is a man who finds the way to freedom has been made a little easier.

***** June - NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT MONTH! *****

NOW is definitely the time to join! If you know anyone who is disillusioned or apathetic about what is taking place at this important time in our history, let them know there is a way to effect change through joining NOW. We are at a critical turning point in our history, and NOW is a positive part of it.

KINGWOOD NOW is offering one year's free membership, and a coffee mug that says "Love me I'm liberated" to whoever recruits the most members during June. By the middle of June (the 15th) whoever has recruited the most members will receive an ERA T-shirt.

HANOW is offering a one year free membership to whoever recruits the most members. During June membership dues have been reduced to \$10.00



1981 TEXAS N.O.W. STATE CONVENTION
 FRIDAY 26 JUNE 1981 THRU SUNDAY 28 JUNE 1981
 HILTON LBJ (4801 LBJ FREEWAY)
 DALLAS, TEXAS 75234

YOU MUST PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Individual Registration Fee for NOW Members postmarked on or before
 5 June 1981 ----- \$25.00

Individual Registration Fee for non-members postmarked on or before
 5 June 1981 ----- \$30.00

NOTE: Registration Fee after 5 June 1981 is \$35.00. DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION AFTER
 15 JUNE. BRING THIS FORM AND MONEY WITH YOU.

I will need special assistance due to disability: (check one)

___ Interpreter for deaf

___ Readers for blind

___ Wheelchair access

___ Other: _____

BRING SWIMSUITS.

SEND THIS FORM TO: NORTH DALLAS N.O.W.
 1981 STATE CONVENTION
 P.O. BOX 45065
 DALLAS, TEXAS 75245

HOUSING REGISTRATION
 Hilton LBJ - Dallas, Texas

This form should be accompanied by the convention registration form.

NAME: _____

Please reserve (payment guaranteed) your room by calling the Hilton Toll-Free Number
 (800-442-7260). Please identify yourself as a NOW Convention participant.

ROOM RATE: UP TO FOUR IN A ROOM \$37.95 PLUS TAX.

If you are sharing a room, please list roommate(s).

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

ROOM RESERVED IN NAME OF: _____

There is limited alternate housing available. The closing date for Hilton Reservations is 12 June 1981. Registration received after this will be confirmed on an availability basis.

SEND THIS FORM TO: NORTH DALLAS N.O.W., 1981 STATE CONVENTION
 P.O. BOX 45065, DALLAS, TEXAS 75245

***** TEXAS STATE NOW CONVENTION *****

June 26 - 28 the state convention will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Hilton LBJ. State convention workshops will include: ERA (with an address from the Oklahoma State NOW Coordinator); Lesbian rights, history of the women's movement; reproductive rights; women and religion; how the Texas legislature works; Consciousness-raising; Title IX; feminist rituals; nuts and bolts of communicating; examining prejudice; homemakers; women's health.

There is a swimming pool, so bring your swimsuits!

***** MESSAGE FROM JAN STEVENS, CANDIDATE FOR *****
TEXAS NOW STATE OFFICE

At the Texas NOW Convention, bylaws changes will be voted on which will change the leadership of Texas NOW from Coordinator, Communications Coordinator and Treasurer to President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It has been our experience that at least one more officer is needed to take some of the burden off the others. If this Bylaws change passes, I will run for the office of Vice-President. I have been involved with Texas NOW for almost three years now and am familiar with its processes. I believe the ERA and abortion rights will be the target issues for the coming year; ERA is my own particular strong point. National NOW Board members say NOW's top leadership is burned-out in the ERA battle; for this reason, we need strong efforts by the state NOW organizations to bolster their sagging energy level. Because ERA is my obsession, I pledge to follow that battle to its very end, whether bitter or sweet. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, BOTH FOR THE BYLAWS CHANGE, AND FOR MY CANDIDACY FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. THANK YOU.

**NOW's 11th Birthday Party held at Kindred Spirits was a tremendous success!! There was lots of good company and plenty of drink for everyone.

**The newsletter party was really great. Besides getting the work done, there were a lot of ideas brainstormed, and the conversation and drinks were refreshing. Join us next time!!

***** A HISTORY OF ABORTION PRACTICES *****

By Yvonne Broach

This is the third in a series of excerpts from Yvonne's speech regarding past abortion practices.

Physicians of the day knew of these treatments and were also taught other methods, such as dilation of the cervix; introducing something to irritate the uterus; and rupturing the amniotic sac. They were generally skeptical of purgatives, but otherwise considered abortion safe and acceptable if performed before quickening. There is evidence that abortions were performed after quickening, but no one was convicted of a crime in this until the 1820's.

Great Britain had earlier made abortion a misdemeanor, and in 1821 various states in the U.S. began passing laws to protect women from unqualified and unscrupulous abortionists. The quickening doctrine still continued in effect and women themselves still remained legally free to seek abortions. Most women seeking abortions seem to have been unmarried.

By the 1840's abortion was attracting nationwide attention. Clinics vied for customers, abortionists advertised for business, and newspapers titillated their readers with lurid details of abortion trials. The number of abortions grew, with an estimated 1/3 of all pregnancies being terminated. Married, white, native-born Protestant women from the middle and upper classes outnumbered unmarried women seeking abortions. The choice to abort often resulted from joint husband-wife decisions, and although the choice was made reluctantly, it did not involve a moral dilemma if carried out before quickening.

Many people were alarmed at this turn of events. If native-born WASP women continued to abort, the children of Catholic immigrants would flood the country. Male physicians accused American women of being self-indulgent and avoiding their God-given responsibilities. Male physicians attacked abortion for many reasons: ethical, scientific, economic and nativistic. They claimed it violated the Hippocratic Oath, which does indeed forbid abortion. This ancient oath also prohibited surgery, imposed secrecy on those who took the oath, and obligated them to teach their instructors' children free.

*To be continued in the next issue of BROADSIDE/HERIZONS.

***** STATE ERA TASK FORCE REPORT *****

By Jan Stevens, Chair

We have had an appeal from Oklahoma. The NOW State Coordinator there believes she is on the verge of a breakthrough, and needs people and funds desperately. They will be embarking on an educational effort in Oklahoma this summer, fall and winter in preparation for the spring legislative session there. IF YOU CAN POSSIBLY GO TO OKLAHOMA FOR A FEW DAYS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ONCE, SO I CAN COORDINATE THE EFFORT. This can be for weekdays or weekends. Call me at 445-2220 and give me your name and when you could go.

***FLASH!! State Council on May 9th voted to call for all Chapters in the State of Texas to raise at least fifty dollars for the Oklahoma ERA effort to be presented to the State Coordinator, Mary McQuay, at the Texas State Convention. You may send the money to Texas NOW Treasurer, Chrisan Hooper, 135 W. Jewel dr., Longview, Texas 75602 by June 10th. If you do not raise the money before that time, or if you prefer, you may bring your Chapter's check to the State Convention in Dallas on June 26-28. Please contact me concerning your effort: Jan Stevens, 6726 Desert Rose, Houston, Texas 77086. (713-445-2220) If you are mailing your donation to the State Treasurer, please note what the money is for (Oklahoma ERA effort). THANKS!

There was a rally in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, May 2, for the ERA. Three thousand people marched, demanding that North Carolina ratify.

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE - President Reagan has made it known that his choice for Surgeon General is C. Everett Koop, a member of the Right to Life group. He feels that legalized abortion could lead to the killing of sick, old people and that population control represents national suicide. He blames Planned Parenthood for the high rate of teenage pregnancies and says that test tube babies could increase the political power of homosexuals. (?!?!?) THIS SEEMS LUDICROUS TO ME, but then so does Reagan's election. Koop is 64 years old, and presently a Surgeon General has to be under 64. Therefore, Reagan is pressuring Congress to change the age requirement in order to have Koop placed in that

position. It would be timely if we all wrote our Congress-
person and let them know of our opposition to this.

FROM THE STATE CAPITOL -- HB5783 (parental consent for minors
to have an abortion) and HB1245 (Informing patient of risks
of abortion, but not of carrying a pregnancy to term) have
both passed the House and have been sent to the Senate and
are waiting to be scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor.
WRITE YOUR SENATOR NOW AND LET THEM KNOW YOU OPPOSE THESE
BILLS. Also, tell them you want them to let you know how
they vote on these bills!

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

JAN STEVENS & YVONNE BROACH appeared on the Morning Show on
Channel 11 twice recently. Nancy Carney is the host, and
the subjects were abortion rights and Houston Area NOW's
11th birthday. Watch at the end of June for t.v. appearances
by local NOW people on the one-year countdown for the ERA.
Yvonne also taped a one-hour radio program, aired May 8, along
with Jeanne Saletan of Bay Area NOW. Clara Kern of KPFT was
the host.

GARAGE SALE -- Deborah Bell is having a garage sale to raise
funds to cover expenses for the State and National conferen-
ces, on Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7 from 10:00 am to 6:00
pm. Address is 7014 Schiller in the Spring Branch area.
Call 681-9507 or 667-5601 for more information.

***** CHAPTER UPDATE *****

Houston Area NOW sends a big kiss and hug and much thanks to
LEE LANNOO, who hosted three garage sales at her home for
the chapter. They were very successful, and Lee was a won-
derful host, preparing us lunches and refreshments. We will
be holding further garage sales, so keep collecting goodies
for us! Also, thanks GEORGE MONKEN for smashing all the al-
uminum cans we've collected. KEEP SAVING YOUR ALUMINUM! We
are going to wait till we have 100 lbs. because we get 3¢
more per pound that way...WE NEED MORE TO REACH THAT GOAL!

Kingwood NOW had a very successful "first" meeting April 27th.
Officers were elected, and other business was discussed.
There was a group discussion of "What brought you to NOW,
and what did you hope to find here?", "How can you help

NOW achieve what you want done?". Some came because of the election of Reagan, some because our reproductive freedom is being threatened.-And ALL were ready to do something to change things. It was a good group! Come to our next meeting in June-contact Debbie Tate, 358-0356 for date, time and loc.

***** CALENDAR *****
JUNE

- 1---7:30 pm. Northwest NOW Chapter Action Planning Session. To be held at the Cypress Creek library. Contact Elaine for directions and further information.
- 4---7:00 pm. HANOW action meeting at the World Trade Ctr., 1520 Texas Ave. Contact Jan Stevens for details.
- 11--7:00 pm. HANOW meeting at the World Trade Ctr. Contact Jan Stevens for more information.
- 13--10:00 am to 6:00 pm HANOW will have a booth at Meyerland Shopping Center. They are offering a "Talk to a Feminist" day there. **THANKS to Deborah Bell.
- 18--HANOW Rap Session. Contact Jan Stevens for time and location.
- 21 to 28th--GAY PRIDE WEEK! There will be a parade and other events. Contact Leslie Reston for schedule info.
- 26 to 28th--STATE CONVENTION in Dallas! DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS! (See Pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter)
- **KINGWOOD CHAPTER MEETING for June-contact Debbie Tate.
- **KATY CHAPTER MEETING for June-contact Regina Pongrass.

JUNE IS THE TIME TO

JOIN NOW!!

I wish to join _____ chapter of NOW.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

I enclose dues: ___\$30.00 Regular ___\$16.00 Hardship

I wish to pay either of the above in two installments and I enclose
___\$15.00 Regular ___\$8.00 Hardship

This is my first installment ___ This is my second installment ___

Make your check payable to the chapter of your choice, and send to
the appropriate address as listed above. Dues include membership
in the local chapter, Texas NOW, and National NOW.

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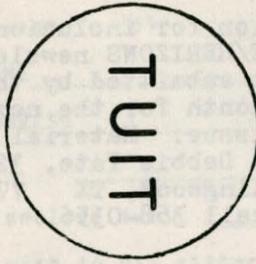
THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

- SECTION 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.
- SECTION 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.
- SECTION 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

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IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN
 "AROUND TO IT",
 USE THIS ONE AND....
 JOIN NOW!!

Defend a Woman's Right to Choose!

