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60 Years of Woman Suffrage



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*Perfect equality of rights
for women - civil & political -
is the demand of
your sincerest*

*Susan B. Anthony
Rochester*

1820 Feb 15 - 1896 -

U. S.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S
CALLING CARD: Copies of
this card--a poignant
summation of the goal
for which women have
strived since Seneca
Falls--were often sold
to raise money.

The Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared adopted August 26, 1920. The Woman Suffrage Amendment was first introduced into Congress on June 10, 1878, by Senator A.A. Sargent of California, at the request of Susan Brownell Anthony. It finally got to the states forty-one years later, and was ratified in just over a year. The text of the Nineteenth Amendment is very similar to the Equal Rights Amendment:

ARTICLE XIX

Section 1: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.

Never again could Acts of Congress, or State Constitutions, or State Legislatures decide that women were not deserving of the right to vote. (It should be pointed out, however, that the legislatures of all the states went on and ratified the 19th Amendment after it was declared adopted--all, that is, except Mississippi, which still sees fit not to endorse the amendment. It was presented and turned down in the Mississippi legislature in 1979.)

Nothing less than the Equal Rights Amendment will assure our inclusion in the Constitution. We must have the Supreme Law of the Land on our side. To this end, we must exercise the Right won by our Foremothers, who fought long and hard to gain this for us, their Daughters: VOTE!

Front Cover: Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

JULY 9 DEMONSTRATION HELD AT REPUBLICAN HQ HERE

ON JULY 9, ERA SUPPORTERS FROM ALL OVER HOUSTON MET IN front of the Republican Headquarters at Westheimer and Kirby to express their outrage at the Republican Party's retreat from support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The Republican Party has endorsed the ERA in every platform since 1940--until now.

**Ratify
THE
ERA**



The over 100 men and women carried signs with imaginative decorations and hard-hitting slogans: "They said slavery was a states' rights issue, too!" "How DARE you 'protect' me from Equality?" We know there were over 100, because Lee Lannoo collected signatures of 90 demonstrators--and we couldn't get to them all--on a petition to the Republican Party Convention, in which we let them know that we find anything less than the ERA unacceptable. The petition was sent to Rep. Margaret Heckler in Detroit.

This demonstration is a good example of how ERA supporters can get together and act on short notice.

Jeanne Saletan and Evie Whitsett of Bay Area NOW thought up the demonstration; Jeanne handled the publicity. We had good media coverage: Channel 2 showed us live at 6:00 pm, and again at 10; Channel 13 taped us and ran the tapes at 6 and 10. We also enjoyed radio and newspaper coverage. Jean Messerve loaned us her apartment to make signs; Gail Hilliard was cranking out posters right and left. Many organizations were represented at the rally: YWCA, AAUW, Texas NOW, and League of Women Voters among them; many individuals also spontaneously participated.

The date was also significant. July 9 was the day Alice Paul died in 1977, after spending some 50 years of her life promoting the ERA. The big March in Washington in 1978 was held on the first anniversary of Alice Paul's death.

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JULY MEETINGS: STRATEGY FOR COMING YEAR LAID OUT

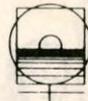
The Action, Program, and Rap meetings for July were all turned into Strategy Sessions. HANOW President Aileen McMurrer guided the continuing discussions, in which we listed our goals and dreams for HANOW, considered what problems and obstacles stand in our way, and finally, proposed concrete action. A tentative schedule of activities was laid out for the year.

***The winner of the signed poster of THE DINNER PARTY is Glenda Urban. Congratulations, Glenda! HANOW collected \$225.00 in contributions toward our sponsorship of the Sojourner Truth Plate, somewhat less than half the \$500.00 it cost us to sponsor the plate.

***The Drawing for the \$500.00 prize in our 100 Club raffle will be held at the Action Meeting on August 7. (For sure!)

***We will have to elect delegates to the National NOW Convention at our August 7 Action Meeting. The Convention will be the first weekend in October, in San Antonio. Attend this meeting or submit your name if you are interested in being a delegate!

***The HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER will be holding a Garage Sale some time in October and your unwanted items are needed. Watch BROADSIDE/HERIZONS for further information on how to go about getting your items to the HAWC Garage Sale.



***The HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER is featuring a new T-shirt; it's a beige shirt with navy blue line drawing. Available for \$6 plus 75¢ postage from HAWC, P. O. Box 20186, Room E-401, Houston, Tx. 77025. Specify size and enclose check.

***All three of the White House Conference on Families meetings passed resolutions endorsing the ERA and opposing the anti-abortion amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This in spite of the fact that the "Pro-Lifers" tried their best to stack the conventions at every level. They just don't have the clout they like to think they have.

***The Radical Right did manage to stack the Republican Resolutions Committee. They endorsed the anti-abortion amendment, which would outlaw the pill (used by over 50% of married women) and the IUD (used by 15% of married women). THEY WANT TO OUTLAW THE MOST COMMON FORMS OF BIRTH CONTROL! Don't let your friends be suckered in by Reagan's promises of milk & honey--make them aware of the issues so they won't trade personal freedom for empty promises!

"It was we, the people, not we, the white male citizens, nor yet we, the male citizens, but we, the whole people, who formed this Union." Susan B. Anthony, 1873.

"We have declared in favor of a government of the people, for the people, by the people, the whole people. Why not begin the experiment?" Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1882.

EVERYONE INVITED!!



It's Hot!

COOL IT!
AT HOUSTON AREA NOW'S
ANNUAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE
CELEBRATION!!

WHAT: IT'S A PICNIC/SWIMMING PARTY!!

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1980. 3:00 TO 9:00 PM.

WHERE: 11619 JAYCREEK (IN LAKEWOOD FOREST) AT SUSAN
BLANCHARD'S HOUSE (YES, SHE HAS A REAL LIVE POOL!)

COLD BEER--ICED TEA--COOL SALAD--ICE COLD WATERMELON
CHILLY SOFT DRINKS--COLD CUTS--FROSTY LEMONADE
A BUFFET WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM.

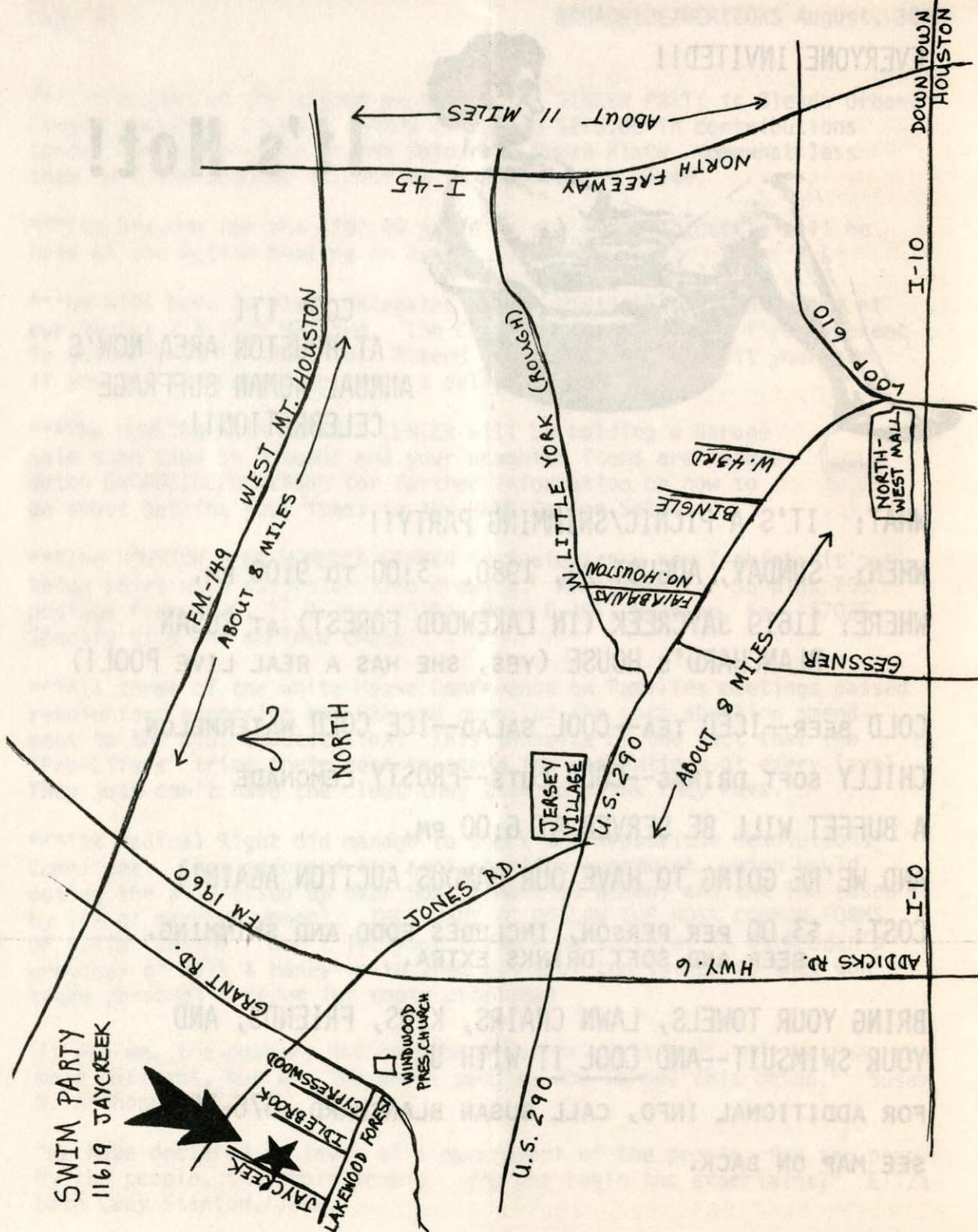
AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR FAMOUS AUCTION AGAIN!!

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YOUR SWIMSUIT--AND COOL IT WITH US!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CALL SUSAN BLANCHARD, 376-5486

SEE MAP ON BACK.



SWIM PARTY
11619 JAYCREEK



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HOUSTON

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NORTH-
WEST MALL

Loop 610

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I-10

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U.S. 290

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FM 1960

I-45

NORTH FREEWAY

WEST MT. HOUSTON
ABOUT 8 MILES
FM-149

NORTH

ABOUT 8 MILES

ABOUT 11 MILES

W. LITTLE YORK (ROUGH)

BINGLE

W. 43RD

FAIRBANKS

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JERSEY VILLAGE

U.S. 290

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JAYCREEK

NOW CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GUIDELINES--A CONDENSED VERSION

1. The C.R. Group will last for ten weeks. Each member must commit herself to the ten weeks period.
2. No new members will be added to the group after the second session.
3. Each session will begin and end at an agreed-upon time.
4. Everything said in the C.R. Group is CONFIDENTIAL.
5. Close friends, relatives, or lovers should not be in a C.R. Group together.
6. Each member will listen to every other member with respect; there will be no confrontations.
7. Each member will give every other member her undivided attention.
8. The member in whose home the group is meeting is NOT a hostess. Coffee and tea may be available; no food will be served at a C.R. Group.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING IS NOT

- ...a therapy group
- ...a sensitivity group
- ...a coffee clatch
- ...a class

Consciousness raising is an opportunity for women to increase their own awareness; to question, to challenge, and to share their experiences. We move from the personal to the political, striving to understand the role that society plays in shaping our lives. And, perhaps most important, we do this with the support of all the women in the group, hopefully experiencing the real feeling of sisterhood.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN C.R., CALL
PATRICIA BASTIDAS, 528-0296 or 223-5454.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1--Swim Party, 2114 Peckham
8-11 pm, \$3.00. Women's.
- 7--HANOW Action Meeting--election of delegates to Nat'l Conv--7:30 pm, 1520 Texas
- 9--Texas NOW Advance--Lake Travis--free to all Texas NOW members--call Jan Stevens for more info--445-2220
- 14--HANOW Program Meeting--The Nucleus Institute of Houston, under the directorship of Pat Nickelson, a counseling & education organization, will present a living play & discussion regarding chemical dependencies and their effects on women. World Trade Center, 1520 Texas Ave., 7:30 pm
- 21--HANOW Rap session--discuss the ERA--time & place TBA
- 24--HANOW SWIM PARTY--see insert
- 26--60th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage

A new ERA coalition is forming in Houston for the purpose of keeping the issue out front, particularly now that it's near election time. The organizers hope to draw in the broad support of Labor Unions, Women's organizations, Church groups, Minority organizations, Educational organizations, and individuals who can't accept letting Equality go down the drain. The coalition hopes to culminate their activities with a huge function in early November. Be watching this newsletter for further info. To get in on this coalition, call Jeanne Saletan, 471-2862, or Jan Stevens, 445-2220.

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**Now is
the Time...**

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**to join
NOW!**

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I wish to join _____ chapter of NOW.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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I wish to pay either of the above in two installments and I enclose
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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.*