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C A L E N D A R

- Jan. 30-Feb. 3 WOMEN'S WEEK-University of Houston at Clear Lake City, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Clear Lake City. All day every day.
- Feb. 1 " A PAGEANT OF AMERICAN WOMEN", presented at Women's Week at UH/CLC. 6:30pm, in the Artium.
- Feb. 9 NORTHWEST NOW Meeting-7:00 Board Meeting, 7:30 Business, 8:00 Program. Jean Saletan, Texas NOW Coordinator of Older Women Committee, speaker.
- Feb. 14 SOUTHWEST Valentine Party. All NOW members invited for a Wine and Cheese tasting party. We will be giving Nikki Van Hightower roses. Bring wine or cheese and meet our new officers at:9001 Town Park Dr. Apt. 44. (Sharpstown, off Gessner between Bellair & Westheimer.) Time: 7:30 pm.
- Feb. 15 WEST UNIVERSITY NOW MEETING- 7:30 pm. West Univ. Elementary School \*\*\* ELECTIONS\*\*\*
- Feb. 21 SOUTHWEST NOW MEETING- 7pm, Jungman Branch Library. Speaker from Planned Parenthood.
- Feb. 26 GET ACCQUAINTED POT LUCK PARTY. 5pm at Peggy Hall's, 1803 Fairview. Every body welcome.
- March 18 State Council Meeting - Orange, Tex.
- March 25 Women's Center Appreciation Dinner for Dr. Nikki Van Hightower (Details next month or contact your WRCC delegate)

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WOMEN IN IRELAND

A 9.5% unemployment rate in the Irish Republic has produced a campaign led by the Roman Catholic Church to get women out of the work force and back in the kitchen. A quote by a Catholic priest on a radio program "the working wife is the greatest curse of this country" expresses the male resentment of changes in women's roles.

Changes in archaic religion based laws which the small number of women in parliament are working are:

- ...sale of contraceptives which are banned, tho individuals may import them for personal use.
- ...abortion also illegal, tho thousands of Irish women get terminations in England.
- ...divorce, again prohibited by the constitution.
- ...husbands are permitted to bring criminal charges against an unfaithful wife's lover for "deprivation of services" as the wife is property of the husband. A wife cannot charge her husband's lover.
- ...if charged for wife beating, a husband can obtain legal aid, wives who file charges have to find and pay their own legal representatives.
- ...to collect unemployment a woman has to work one full year, a man doesn't have to have had any work experience at all.

Inequality is not limited to family matters. In the professions, in Civil Service and in industry women are constantly thwarted in their efforts for economic independence.

Recent efforts in the form of strikes demanding equal pay and opportunity, prompted introduction of an Employment Equality Act in Parliament and if passed would likely prove to be the most important piece of legislation to affect women in Ireland.

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WOMEN IN AMERICA

Eli Ginzberg, Columbia University economist believes that the growing number of women in the workforce will have a greater effect on society than communism or nuclear energy. Large numbers of women working or looking for jobs will continue to produce high unemployment figures and will remain a major problem in this country. Women are re-evaluating their values, opting for education and economic independence. "For the first time in history, there are more women in college than men."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUSAN B.

It is time again to remember our heritage, time to remember those who have been before us, the ones who never gave up! Susan B. Anthony spent her entire life working for women and suffrage. She died before women cast their first vote, but her voice still calls out to us

\*\*\*\*\* FAILURE IS IMPOSSIBLE \*\*\*\*\*

The women of Houston are invited to celebrate Susan's birthday at our new headquarters at 4600 Main. This office will serve the Houston Area Feminist Federal Credit Union, Harris County Women's Political Caucus, three chapter of NOW and the Women's Equity Action League. These organizations also have the following telephones:

HAFFCU: 522-1702 NOW, WEAL and the Caucus: 522-1849

A press conference will be held at the office Thursday morning, February 15, to announce our official opening. The official office-warming party, which is also a celebration of Susan B. Anthony's birthday, will begin at 6:30pm. Come by after work or whatever to 4600 Main (upstairs), and bring munchies. We'll provide the punch.

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IN MEMORIAM- JOAN WAITE HANLON

The women and men of Houston have lost a dear friend and an ardent feminist, Joan Hanlon. I met Joan in the early 70's and enjoyed every moment of our time together. Her energy and wit shook the Spring Branch ISD until their taxes rattled; the power structure has not been the same since Joan Hanlon challenged it. Those of us who worked with her know that one woman can bring about change. We must continue to work and let that be our memorial to Joan.

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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK, AND SAVE MONEY TOO---MERGER OF NEWSLETTERS

Many hands make light work is what my great-grandmother always says. There will be a merger of hands and heads starting in March--Broadside and Herizons will be produced jointly. It will be called by both names, include both title designs, and will be the newsletter for all the Hosston chapters of NOW: Montrose, Southwest, Houston Area, and Northwest. Merging the mailing lists will save money, and merging the heads will we hope produce more interesting articles for all NOW members.

We will produce the newsletter ourselves but the stencils will be cut electronically. This will allow us the freedom to reproduce line drawings, cartoons, newspaper articles without retyping, etc. Plagarism lives!

I will continue as editor, but articles and news will be submitted by lots of others. We have found a neighbor in our office building (ACORN) to cut our stencils, and we will run the pages as usual on the Gestetner machine which Northwest owns. All of the production will take place at our office, 4600 Main, and we can use help. The former staff of the Broadside will be very much involved in the operation, too. It is a real merger.

LaVerne Rich will still deliver it to the post office. I think she has a sweetheart among the letter carriers there, because no one else gets them to accept it so easily, or deliver it so quickly, although it still takes a long time to get to outlying places. To offer your hands and/or head to our newsletter effort, come to a meeting of one of the chapters, and volunteer. It is fun, easy, and non-fattening.

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To renew your dues, or to join NOW for the first time:

Dues are:	National: \$20	
	Chapter: \$5	
	State: \$2	
	State Newsletter: \$3	Total: \$30

(Monthly payments can be arranged)

Send money, and Name and address to:

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Women's Week at UH Clear Lake City  
Keynot Address, Friday February 2  
Frances (Sissy) Farenthold  
\$3.00 and worth every penny